**NSW public school educators in WWI & WWII**

For the first time, it is now possible to digitally access a carefully researched record of the biographical details of NSW public school teachers and education department officers who enlisted to serve their country in World War I and World War II.

The three-part ***New South Wales Department of Education Record of Service in Two World Wars*** was written by T A White, an esteemed NSW public school educator who served with honour in the AIF in World War I.

This unique work also provides an equally carefully researched account of contributions to the war effort during both world wars made by public school teachers, students, principals, public school officers, schools and their wider communities.

**Thomas Alexander White**

Thomas Alexander White (1886- 1962) was a distinguished NSW public school teacher, principal, inspector, author and historian. He was also a distinguished soldier who enlisted in the AIF in February 1916 (he originally applied in 1914) and served on the Western Front on a number of famous Australian World War I battlefields.

The famous battles in which he fought included those at Mametz, Ypres, Polygon Wood, and Villers-Bretonneux. While fighting at Passchendaele in October 1917 he and about a quarter of his battalion were seriously injured in a mustard gas attack – the effects of which Tom suffered for the rest of his life. On October 19, 1918 while serving in the village of Picquigny, Tom was mentioned in despatches for gallantry for attempting to save a soldier in a canal.

Following his retirement from the Department of Education in 1950, Mr White undertook his *New South Wales Department of Education Record of Service in Two World Wars*. He commenced his remarkable task in 1951 and completed it in 1958. He died in 1962, still deeply disappointed that his work had never been published.

**A meticulously researched work**

In Parts I and II he included meticulously researched biographical details about the NSW public school teachers and departmental officers who had enlisted in both world wars. Tom White undertook this seven-year task because he had a burning desire that every NSW public school teacher, student and departmental official should learn about those public school teachers and officers who had enlisted to serve their country. As he wrote by hand very early in Part I, “Their children and their children’s children will be proud of them. They have the right to know of them.”

Both Parts I and II, and especially Part III, also include a wealth of information concerning the contribution to the War effort made by public schools, the Department of Education (as it was then called), school communities, students and other individuals and organisations associated with or supporters of NSW public education.

The Introduction that follows written by Dr Paul Brock AM, the Department’s Director of Learning and Development Research, provides some biographical details about Tom White’s career, the scope of his extraordinary manuscript and the background to the processes which led finally to its digital publication.

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## FOREWORD BY THE HONOURABLE R. J. HEFFRON, M.L.A., MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, N.S.W.

As Mr. White records the efforts of the men and women of the New South Wales Department of Education in the World Wars of 1914–1918 and 1939–1946 covered every sphere of personal and community activity in which our society was involved in those periods – from personal service in the Navy, Army or Air Force to the patriotic endeavours at home.

Even in peace those efforts are being continued. The work of many charitable organisations is benefited each year by the voluntary work of the Department's officers.

I record my appreciation of Mr. White's efforts and congratulate him upon the completion of his work and overcoming the many difficulties he must surely have encountered.

He has interpreted in a truly remarkable manner that quotation which all Australians have come to know so well –

At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION.

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## FOREWORD BY DR. H. S. WYNDHAM, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION.

In two world wars, the teachers of New South Wales have established a proud record of service. Unlike some professional groups, which retain their identity in time of war, teachers have enlisted and been lost to view in the national effort. Yet, in both wars, the rate of enlistment among teachers was hardly surpassed by any other professional group. This record was maintained in the Second World War despite the fact that teaching was a "reserved" occupation; nearly a third of the male teachers of the State fought for our freedom on the high seas, on the battlefield and in the air.

The teacher who enlisted was in a unique position because, in both wars, educational services at home were maintained at surprisingly high standards, despite the country's pre-occupation with war. He could only enlist because the teaching of children was carried on by the men and the women who remained at home. He enlisted, fought and, so often, died so that, in a world freed of menace and fear, the work of education could be carried on. If he returned, he returned to help build anew our way of life.

In his record of this war service, Mr. White has rescued from fading reminiscence the achievement in arms of two generations of teachers and preserved individual stories of which, either as teachers or Australians, we should all be proud. In a field different from that of his own active service, Mr. White has again served with distinction and won the gratitude of his colleagues.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF EDUCATION.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

WAR RECORD.

CHAPTER:

THE OUTBREAK,

SECOND WORLD WAR:

SAFETY OF CHILDREN.

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# THE OUTBREAK OF WAR.

Immediately on the outbreak of the war, the Department entered vigorously and enthusiastically into all activities that might assist the nation or help to protect the children.

Teachers with First Aid certificates were organised to take classes of teachers three times a week from 4 to 5 p.m. Every school organised its First Aid group and equipment. Speedy and orderly emergency evacuation of buildings was practised, pupils were trained in safety habits in case of bombing or gassing. The spirit of healthy emulation was evinced by Principals and staffs in regard to the time taken in evacuating a building and scattering pupils effectively. Pupils received instruction on sheltering near tree butts and low walls and avoiding windows and tiled or slate roofs; fire-escape drill was taken regularly. Every big school had its warden to check the safety organisation movements and equipment. Every teacher soon knew how to use a stirrup hard pump and fire extinguisher. Teachers, aided by parents, speedily made windows shatter-proof.

In the curriculum of all post primary schools, a special course of instruction in gasses was at once introduced. This was carried out by science teachers as part of the normal science course without any undue prominence. Instructions to Principals read:

"It will be introduced and developed on the formal lines of pure science up to the stage of considering the properties of some poisonous gases.

When this point has been reached, it is assumed that the pupils will seek more information about gas warfare. This natural curiosity can be easily satisfied by what might be regarded as informal talks on topics indicated. All the information given will simply be regarded as general knowledge desirable in view of newspaper reports of activities abroad.

The scheme has been adopted, primarily, to give the pupils some knowledge of the scientific principles underlying offensive and defensive measures in gas warfare with the idea of correcting many mistaken ideas of possible devastation that are gaining currency throughout the community.

Your ready co-operation in this matter was anticipated when your Science Teachers were called into Head Office last weel for the necessary instruction and guidance. Each teacher was provided with a copy of the syllabus to be followed and the method of approach was clearly indicated."

As part of the Manual Training, many schools made sufficient splints for themselves, hospitals, and emergency posts. In every community, the parents responded magnificently to all suggestions made by the Principal in regard to equipping First Aid posts and assisting in safety work generally.

Within six months of the outbreak of the war, it was estimated that 90% of teachers under the age of 45, and 60% of older teachers had qualified for the special National Emergency Certificate. To obtain this, the teacher had to be passed by a doctor as qualified in First Aid, and by the specialist instructor and District Inspector as having passed an examination in Air Raid Precautions. Many of the instructors in Air Raid Precautions were the Science Teachers, who themselves were trained by Mr. J. Back, Staff Inspector, assisted in the Newcastle and Maitland districts by Mr. Mearns, Principal of Newcastle Boys' High School. For some time, Mr. Back was Chief Warden, City of Sydney, in the Air Defence Scheme.

The National Emergency Certificate was now awarded to senior secondary pupils who might qualify as the teachers abovementioned had. Mr. J. G. McKenzie's memorandum to Inspectors in regard to this reads as follows:-

"With regard to instruction of school pupils, it is proposed that the First Aid full course as noted above for the senior pupils should be given in the schools as part of the school routine by teachers possessing the necessary qualifications obtained through attendance at the courses noted above or at other recognised courses. Senior pupils who so desire may be examined for award of certificates on similar lines to those noted above for teachers' examinations.

Courses for the Junior post-primary pupils will be of more elementary type and in First Aid will be in accordance with attached syllabus prepared by the Medical Branch of this Department and will be given by wualified teachers as noted above for senior pupils. The Air-raids precautions instruction for the Junior pupils will be given by Science teachers on the lines noted for senior pupils.

Approval is given for the reduction of all periods by five minutes to allow for sufficient time for the courses indicated.

It might be noted that courses for school pupils in first aid might be commenced immediately where teachers are already qualified and in a week or two in other cases. There should be no need to wait until teachers have completed first aid courses before commencing instruction of pupils.

In the light of the above, I should be pleased if you would make suitable arrangements in your district, where instruction for teachers and pupils carried out as authorised.

I wish to emphasise the fact that any action of an alarmist character is to be depreciated. So far as pupils are concerned, the Air Raid precautions course as indicated in attached circular is simply an extension of the Science course and the pupils should not be told otherwise. It should be appreciated that the course from some points of view is essentially anti-panic instruction, concluding it is hoped with the realization that reasonable care can meet the position and alarm is not warranted.

Newspaper publicity of any kind with respect to courses for pupils should be avoided."

At the end of 1939, it was estimated that over 90% of these senior pupils had qualified for the certificate.

The response of male teachers for duty as voluntary clerks at drill halls to assist in mobilization procedure was, in most centres, embarrassing to the military authorities, despite the many emergency duties entered into by teachers, far more than were required reported to local drill halls, the older men were specially prominent in this drill hall work.

The following is a typical report by a Principal of a Metropolitan, Newcastle or Wollongong district, forwarded in October, 1939 -

"1. The organisation for national emergency, as outlined by the Director, is now complete.

"2. First Aid equipment as recommended has been secured. Eleven teachers have qualified in First Aid and Air Raid Precautions. A First Aid room has been made ready.

3. The school warden and deputy have been appointed. Fire equipment is in good order. Fire and evacuation drill is now speedy, orderly and effective. Addresses and telephone numbers of National Emergency officers, municipal wardens, fire station, departmental officers on duty or at homes, inspector, police station, ambulance station, local doctors, gas, water and electricity services are listed conveniently.

A transport officer and deputy have been apointed and senior pupils selected as messengers in case of a break in telephones.

Every pupil wears a tag showing his name and address.

Decontamination squads have been trained.

Dispersal drill according to location of homes has been practised. North, South, East and West Groups with sub-groups according to time taken to reach home - 5 minute group North, ten minute group North, fifteen minute group North etc. The first group are called Koalas, the second Wallabies, the third Kangaroos and the remainder Emus.

Three surprise emergency alarms were sounded recently - no sign of panic could be observed. On the first alarm the evacuation into dispersal groups of 1200 pupils took 13 minutes, on the thrid alarm the time was 7 minutes.

The final paragraph of the above report refers to the Director's instruction to Inspectors to secure the co-operation of teachers with military authorities in every possible way. The Director's letter to Inspectors follows:-

"Please assist Military authorities in any way possible as and when called upon, and instruct teachers of the schools in your district to this effect.

Please put into operation the plans already agreed upon for the assistance of teachers in mobilization procedure, and for use of schools when requested by Military authorities.

Other specific ways in which you and the teachers in your district may assist will be communicated to you from time to time."

G. R. THOMAS,
Under Secretary.

Eastern Command and Colonel Lorenzo, Director of National Emergency Services, expressed the keenest appreciation of the Department's enthusiastic and effective co-operation in regard to the every suggestion made by them. They were specially appreciative of the organization details so ably worked out by Mr. G. D. Martin, Staff Inspector at Head Office.

## Co-operation with Military and Civilian Authorities.

Effective liaison was maintained with military and civilian authorities by the Department of Education. The service of officers and teachers, the use of buildings and facilities were incorporated in general plans to meet emergency conditions generally as well as to maintain the special service of the Department to school children. Mr. G. D. Martin, then Staff Inspector acted as Liaison officer, in the stages of organisation, and early war action. He was later succeeded by Mr. H. J. Moore, Staff Inspector.

My own official reports concerning Rozelle District may be regarded as typical of reports by every Inspector in Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong, Report to Director,December, 1938.

Fire Drill: During the year the majority of large schools practised Fire Drill - the evacuation of the buildings safely and speedily. In these days of possible crashing of an aeroplane onto a school it seems wise for big schools to practise rapid and effective evacuation; such would also be a valuable defence precaution measure. The procedure to be adopted should be a matter for discussion at a staff meeting; directions decided upon should be posted in the Time Book, read and initialled by every teacher. The Alarm Practice should take place once a term; the time occupied should be recorded and new suggestions discussed. The spirit of healthy emulation among classes and teams for quietness, speed, chivalry, checking, and reporting completion to the Principal should prove a valuable aspect of training in Civics.

## NATIONAL EMERGENCY: DISTRICT ORGANIZATION.

MEMORANDUM from District Inspector to Chief Inspector.

On 2nd instant I addressed the Principals of every department in Rozelle Inspectorate in regard to National Emergency precautions and practices in the schools, and have to report as follows:--------

Every school is practising a well-planned Escape Drill.

" " is preparing First Aid equipment.

" " is giving thought to Fire Fighting; some have a store of sand in small bags, and in their physical training are practising throwing bags of about two pounds weight accurately. (It would be valuable to be able to throw small bags of sand onto a fire).

Teachers are submitting their plans for escape drill to an executive committee, consisting of Headmasters of Balmain, Ultimo, Redfern, and Gladesville, under the chairmanship of Headmaster of Rozelle.

Every teacher has compiled a handy list of telephone numbers and addresses, such list covering the Chief Warden of the Municipality, Inspector, Mr. Frank Purnell (Emergency Deputy), Fire Station, Ambulance, and First Aid Post.

Pupils are being grouped according to direction of home from school, and distance to home. In one school Group I - those within ten minutes' distance - are called "Wallabies." Group 2 (those within 20 minutes) "Kangaroos;" those over 20 minutes "Koalas."

Teachers are preparing lists of pupils with relatives in the country, and addresses of same.

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## ANNUAL REPORT : YEAR 1939.

Although the clouds of war darkened the sky of Education, as well as of other national interests, during the year, the rays of brightness pierced the gloom so often and so gloriously that, every now and again, one forgot that the horizons were still filled with the blackest banks of tumultuous thunders and town by devastating lightnings. Immediately the call came teachers of all ages enrolled in National Emergency and First Aid Classes, trained pupils and parents in precautionary measures, and organised to do their utmost to help the Nation in every possible manner. Eight classes of teachers were formed in the District to receive instruction in Air Raid Precautions and First Aid; specialist instructors in these fields were provided by the ambulance sections of the Railway, Tramway, and Transport Departments, and all these expressed

appreciation of the keenness of the teachers. Over 220 members of these classes gained the double certificate - Air Raid Precautions and First Aid - and not one failed, although the examination was comprehensive and thorough. Every school has agroup of teachers able to render first aid and organize precautionary maasures should occasion arise.

The Evacuation Drill practised in all the schools was remarkably effective; in surprise tests conducted by the Chief Warden and Mayor of Balmain, Rozelle school of four departments was evacuated in 105 seconds and Blamain, also of four departments in 100 seconds; and, so quietly was the movement carried out, that visitors accompanying the Mayor and Chief Warden to these schools were unaware that the test was in progress. All the other schools in the district carry on this work no less effectively than Rozelle and Balmain. Every school organized reasonable equipment for emergency and arranged for emergency actions should such become necessary.

No less enthusiastic were the teachers in their support of the Departmental War Auxiliary, and every school commenced work in some way for the Expeditionary Forces; I am confident these efforts will develop considerably during 1940. I believe that every pupil received inspiration in these patriotic services; for example the pupils of Camperdown have committees organizing the collection of paper, cardboard, bottles, iron, and metals, and are sending the proceeds to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

## Inspector's Report, 1940.

Although, throughout the year, war clouds continued darkening the world and our own State devoted its utmost energy in working for victory, the schools remained happy sanctuaries for the children, maintained their high standards, and showed many signs of progression. The happiness was not lessened now were standards lowered by the regular attention devoted to National Emergency measures, which are so necessary in such a District as Rozelle; these measures, begun and sustained so splendidly in 1939, continued

as effectively throughout 1940; evacuation practices and first aid precautions were improved in several directions; every school has a broup of teachers able to render first aid and carry out emergency measures adequately should the occasion arise. Teachers and senior pupils developed an understanding of possible emergency measures, and this understanding brought confidence that the teachers would do the correct thing in critical moments. Lectures on protective measures were given to teachers, senior pupils ,and parents in schools in the most dangerous areas, and to parents of non-state school pupils at Gladesville and Ryde. I have accepted invitations to give similar addresses shortly in regard to precautionary work in non-state schools. Most teachers attended demonstrations on the treatment of incendiary bombs, and a few schools held such demonstrations for the benefit of pupils and parents. Among measures taken in schools in the most dangerous areas was the listing of pupils who would be likely to go to live with relatives in the country in case war came to Sydney. Not only are teachers generally enthusiastic in regard to effectiveness in evacuation drill, but several are evincing originality in methods, and in every case has this originality meant improvement. I have arranged for teachers to visit schools where the practices are the most effective to witness a demonstration. The four largest schools - Rozelle, Redfern, North Sydney, and Balmain- can evacuate all rooms in less than two minutes; a striking feature, in addition to the speed, is the quietness of the operations. War Auxiliary. work was continued most enthusiastically in every school; every pupil appeared to be doing something to help his Nation, and to be doing it proudly, and every parent appeared to be encouraging his children. A particular effort may be taken as typical of the many. The Commanding Officer of the Wagga A.I.F. Camp asked me if I could send a thousand large "dilly-bags" to hold plates, pannikins, and cutlery to his camp on account of a plague of flies; I mentioned the matter to teachers of eight schools

visited during the next fortnight, and the thousand bags arrived at the Camp within a fortnight of my visits. The small school at Woolwich organized a sewing "bee" and sent 150 within a week.

## Safety of Children.

Provision was made for measures to be taken to safeguard children in the event of certain situations arising.

Wardens were appointed for each school, to control evacuation of buildings, marshalling of children to safety refugees and dispersal to homes.

Lists were prepared at each school of homes and routes to be taken from school, so that orderly and rapid dispersal could be effected.

Practice was arranged in emergency action.

In schools certain rooms were re-inforced, or provided with additional protection and air-raid shelters or safety trenches were constructed in playgrounds.

## Training in First Aid, Protection against gas etc.

Classes were established for the training of teachers and senior pupils in first aid, and protection against gas. Teachers competent to train other teachers and senior pupils, assisted by St. John's Ambulance officers and other persons, gave their services very willingly in this work.

Certificates of competency were issued to teachers and pupils.

## Safeguarding of Departmental buildings, essential records, documents, instruments, paintings, etc. of the Department of Education and Branches.

Plans were prepared and organisation established for the safeguarding of Departmental buildings, documents, records, and valuable instruments and records in the Head Office of the

Department of Education, the Child Welfare Department, the Art Gallery, the Museum, the Conservatorium of Music, the Technical College and Technological Museum and the Observatory.

Selections were made and lists prepared and provision made in buildings for safe storage. Plans were made also for the transfer of documents etc. should the necessity arise.

Wardens and Watchmen were appointed and all officers available willingly assisted when the occasion arose in a night and day patrol.

## Emergency planning for continuation of educational services to children.

In order that the education of the children should be continued to the greatest extent possible, emergency plans were provided for application in the event of various situations, which might occur. These plans covered the widest range of contingencies extending for example to the transfer of children and parents to other areas.

Plans included a decentralixation scheme of administration, so that all services could be continued independently throughout the State.

## British Evacuee Children.

A special service was rendered during the war to children evacuated from the United Kingdom, through the Child Welfare Department, then a branch of the Education Department.

With other States New South Wales offered to provide homes for children evacuated from the United Kingdom during the war.

In New South Wales some thousands of persons opened their homes to these children. The scheme was administered in New South Wales by the Child Welfare Department, the Director Child Welfare acting as State Authority and guardian of the children on behalf of the Commonwealth.

The Child Welfare Department was assisted by a Citizen's Committee, the first Chairman being the Very Reverend Dr. MacIntyre.

Unfortunately the offer of homes was not utilised to the fullest extend as the dangers of sea-travel from the United Kingdom caused the scheme of temporary war migration to be discontinued.

New South Wales received 246 children between the ages of 5 and 16 years. The children returned to England in parties chiefly between August and December, 1945.

During their stay in New South Wales their education was continued appropriately. Two were of age and capacity to continue to the University, one graduating in Arts. Those who reached employment age and status during their temporary sojourn in New South Wales entered suitable occupations. Some completed apprenticeships, or qualified for professions.

John Gordon McKenzie, B.A., B.Ec.,

A World War "Digger" who became
a N.S.W. Director-General
of Education.

NEW SOUTH WALES

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

# PERSONNEL OF SECOND WORLD WAR.

## WHOSE DEEDS
## MAKE US PROUD.

Chapter 13

Second World War.

Members of the Department of Education in the Forces.

Fifty Thousand More.

We are coming from the mountain, we are coming from the plain;
We are coming from the woodland, from the shop, to drill and train;
We mean to do our duty as our fathers did of yore,
So we'll follow in the footsteps of the boys who went before.

We are leavened by the spirit of the men who fought and died,
By the spirit of a people that adversity has tried,
So we'll never shirk our duty, but go marching off to war,
And the souls of fallen Anzacs shall be marching on before.

—*Lce.-Cpl. Geo. Garland.*

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# Members of the Education Department Who Served:

Shortly after the outbreak of the Second World War, it was deemed necessary, in the interests of national security, to prevent enlistment of many teachers with specialist qualifications. Science, ~~junior~~ Technical College, Junior Technical and administrative teachers were among these bitterly disappointed men. But for this the following list would have been much longer. As it is, however, it is a wonderful and glorious list. —

Records used.

For the First World War personal records were freely available at Defence Headquarters.

For the Second World War, however, after certain types of politicians had had access to records of opponents, and had used them for party purposes or personal attacks, Prime Minister Chifley, at the request of the Returned Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen's League, forbade access by anybody to a Serviceman's records, without the written authority of that Serviceman.

Records in Education Headquarters were simply names and dates. Gazettes provided statistics, and often paragraphs and lists of casualties. "Education", the journal of the N.S.W. Teachers' Federation, printed letters and extracts of letters received from teachers overseas. For years I carried a notebook, and jotted down something about some Service Teacher mentioned in schools I was inspecting, at some assembly of teachers, at Clubs and gatherings of all sorts and sizes. I followed up items of information so gleaned by letters to Teachers themselves, to members of their units and to parents and brothers.

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Man-Power Authorities refused well over 500 applications from Teachers in N.S.W. to enlist in the Overseas Forces. Teachers in Technical Schools were special targets for this refusal. 1558 of our Teachers enlisted, over 2000 volunteered.

Much of the information regarding the personnel in the following pages was obtained from independent sources - letters from members of the Teacher's unit, conversations with other members, mainly in R.S.L. Clubs, and relatives notes. Many Teachers "hid their lights under bushels", and I made tactful inquiries from their comrades.

Many Teachers do not desire their services to be included herein, stating that they had done nothing exceptional. Several of these were keenly disappointed at being kept in Australia, mainly in the Armoured Division, which had much very trying service in the Far North and Westralia.

Gratitude is expressed to many Teachers who sent information about other Teachers.

One Teacher expresses the feeling of many. I had written asking him for a copy of a splendid citation. He replied, sending me the copy:

> "I do not desire any glorification, or even recording. I was just one of a million. I am not prompted by any other motive in sending you what you ask for than to help you to establish in fact that Teachers in general were useful and much-sought-after soldiers, and that the Department as a whole made a very worthwhile contribution to the War effort."

Items in quotation marks are direct extracts from letters written by Senior Officers or fellowmen. These letters are filed for keeping by Head Office, Canberra War Memorial or Mitchell Library.

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A reply from a Teacher to my request for an outline of his War services:

> "My War Service was just war service. I did nothing to distinguish myself; in fact I did not get an opportunity which might or might not have been grasped by me. When my children say: "What did you do, Dad, in that War?" I shall proudly reply, "I made one of them"

Several Teachers simply notified the Department that they had enlisted, and nothing more was heard of them until, on their return, they called at Head Office or wrote for school appointments.

This casualness seems to have been only in regard to their War Service, but it has made it difficult for the Recorder.

Quite a number resigned on demobilisation, left no story with the Department, and cannot be caught up by me. Quite a number left New South Wales.

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I sincerely thank the Soldier-Teachers' Sub-branch and the Federation for assistance in getting helpful items.

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Omissions of details of Service are due solely to Teachers concerned. Some did not send me authority to see their records at Headquarters; several wrote in this strain: "I was just one of the mob."

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I found consistent cheerful helpfulness in regard to my many inquiries in Records Branch of Head Office.

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THE ARMOURED DIVISION.

For a time a strong impression was felt by its personnel and the community generally that The Armoured Division would be the main A.I.F. fighting force. Even the Commanding Officers were certain that such would be the case, and, consequently, they set extremely high standards in the selection of men and in the training. Scores of eager Teachers, on enlisting or by transfer later, did everything in their power to get into this Division.

As months passed and other Divisions sailed overseas, disappointment set in. Hope, however, remained that, on account of the high efficiency of the Division, and its heavy calls, on the shores of the Indian Ocean, in the sands of deserts, and in dense jungles, something big and special would still come its way. But such was not to be.

The men of the Armoured Division endured fatigue and hardship more severe than several units overseas; their disappointment was heartbreaking. They are worthy of a full share of the honours that came to Australia from so many places. The honour its many Teacher members reflect upon the Department of Education and the traditions of their high efficiency and devotion will for ever remain with the Department. Their brethren of Olympus, Tobruk, Alamein, and tropical jungles, and of the R.A.N. and R.A.A.F. are proud to have the Teachers of the Armoured Division listed with them.

Twenty-five Teachers in the Armoured Division requested the writer to omit from this history the record of their services. The reason given generally was: "We did not go overseas." Several other Teachers of this Division refused to tell anything about their Service. Keen disappointment still remains with many.

Two Teachers who served with distinction in the R.A.A.F. asked that their records be omitted from this History. There request has been granted.

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ABBOTT, Roy Edgar. F./Lieut. R.A.A.F.
Enlisted from Lower Mittagong. — Previously Wireless Operator in A.W.A.
Killed in aircraft accident in Queensland - 16/11/1943.

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ADA, Bruce Laird R.A.A.F. F./Lieut, M.B.E.

B. Drummoyne, 1919.

Ed. at Drummoyne, Hurlstone Ag. High School and Armidale Teachers' College.

Trained from May, 1942 at Bradfield Park, Richmond. Uranquinty, Narrandera, and Bundaberg, where commissioned as Pilot Officer. After a Reconnaissance Course at Bairnsdale was posted to Operational Squadron, Bowen, and promoted Flying Officer. At Milne Bay on aerial survey for R.A.N. in co-operation with H.M.A.S. Ships, also on air Sea Rescue work from Milne Bay to Krav, via Hollandia; P/O Colin Harvey, a Kittyhawk Pilot, was picked up on a small lake, 60 miles inland from Hollandia, having been 21 days coming downstream in a rubber dinghy after crashing. Another Air-Sea Rescue was made the same week - July, 1944 - of another Kittyhawk pilot who crashed into the ocean near Hollandia. From Feb. to Nov., 1945, was with the Royal Navy with the Air Sea Rescue Flight.

Trained in Deck Landing at Jervis Bay, joined H.M.S. "Illustrious" and "Victorious", at Manus Island.

From Sakashima Is - between Formosa and Okinawa - rescued an "Avenger" navigator. Continued on "Victorious" into

Japanese waters. He was forced to ditch his plane in a difficult rescue attempt, and was rescued by an American destroyer.

Promoted Flight Lieutenant - July, 1945, and highly complimented by Rear-Admiral. Transferred to H.M.S."Venerable" and was at Hong Kong when Jap garrison surrendered. In Bias Bay he rescued an Avenger crew and the Jap Envoy. On survey work and air photography near Kowloon and Hong Kong. Returned to Sydney on H.M.S."Indomitable". Disc. November, 1945.

In 1950 was in charge of Burrinjuck.

M.B.E. "for courage, zeal, and determination under hazardous conditions, during offensive operations in the Far East from March to August, 1945 ". (London Gazette).

ABERNETHY, John R.S. F./Lieut. R.A.A.F.

B. 1909, Lismore. Ed. at Kurrara, Lismore High, Sydney Teachers' College. Joined R.A.A.F. 12/8/40. In September, 1940 promoted L.A.C. and Corporal, in Feb. 1942, promoted Pilot Officer, in June, 1942 promoted Flying Officer, in Dec. 1943 promoted Flight-Lieutenant.

Was Navigation Instructor at Cootamundra from June 1942 to December 1943, then at Bradfield Park to September, 1944. Before discharge was Education Officer, R.A.A.F. Headquarters, Melbourne.

In 1950 was Headmaster of Clovass.

ADAM, James Stevenson.

B. 1903 at Enfield.

Ed. Sydney High and University.

Served in A.I.F. from April 1942 to Dec. 1944 in N.S.W. and W.A. with Armoured Division.

1950: Officer-in-Charge, Schools Division, Dept. of Education.

AISBETT, John. Sergeant. 1st Australian Parachute Bn.

B.Scone, 1919. Ed. Scone., Gosford High.

In A.I.F. from Dec. 1941 to January, 1946.

Anti-aircraft gunner, then private, corporal, and sargeant in 1st A.I.F.

Parachute Bn. Made 27 parachute descents - 300 feet to 2000 - with various equipments. One descent made into water, three were night descents. Areas were Tocumwal, Richmond, North Queensland. Bone broken in one jump, permanently injured. No job was more risky or required steadier nerves.

1950 - Inspection Branch, Head Office.

AISBETT, Thomas — Lieut. 103 Tank Attack Regiment, A.I.F.

B.1909

Ed. Scone Rural School and Sydney Teachers' College.

Commenced service at Cowra Camp in January, 1942, at Darwin from 1.12.42 to 1.8.43. Gained Distinction Passes in four Army schools - in Gunnery, Artillery Anti-tank, Map Reading and Infantry Training. Promoted to Bombardier, Sergeant and Lieutenant.

1950. Headmaster, Marsden Park.

AITKIN, Harold Bruce — Private 2/1 Pioneer Bn. A.I.F.

B. 1911

Ed. Broken Hill High School

Training. S.T.C.

Service in Australia 10.2.42 to December, 1942.

New Guinea December 1942 - October 1943

Australia October 1943 - June 1945.

Balikpapan - Borneo July 1945 to December 1945

Discharge January 1946

1950 Assistant Cooerwull P.S.

ALLAN, Arthur S.T. — Sargeant 2/6th Artillery Survey Bty, A.I.F.

B. Bathurst, 1901. Ed. Bathurst High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Enlisted in 1918 in A.I.F.

" " 1940 in Second A.I.F. from Dapto P.S. Served in Syrian Campaign with 2/1st A.A. Survey Regt. A.I.F. In middle East from April 1941 to May 1942. From Australia to Papua with 2/6 A.A. Survey Bty. Was selected among 25 to be flown into W.A.U. for Survey Reconnaissance with 17th Bde, and Guerilla units. Congratulated for valuable work in the campaign from the defence of WAU to capture of SALAMAUA. With a small party

(7) during this campaign he made a most difficult and daring survey reconnaissance along the MARKHAM RIVER, deep into Japanese held territory, this was five months before the air-borne landing which led to the capture of LAE. This party was for six weeks the most advanced in New Guniea. On withdrawal of his unit he was left at WAU as guide to new units and to make a malaria survey. Was severely injured internally by a bomb, but remained on duty. Posted to Bulldog Road Command, and made valuable and comprehensive reports on the water and malaria spots in a big area extending from the mouth of the LAKIKAMA RIVER overland to LAE, on some of his tracks he was over 10,000 feet high. Was again highly congratulated by B.C."Bulldog" and recommended for commission, for which, however, he was regarded by the G.O.C. as over the age.

Extremely heavy work,added to his bomb injury, brought on illness. Posted to PORT MORESBY as Sergeant to Town Major till evacuation to Australia. Of 1573 days in A.I.F. he had 1278 on Active Service.

1951 - Headmaster, Burnside.

ALLEN, Thomas Taylor. M.A. F/O. R.A.A.F.

B. Auckland 1910 - All education to M.A. in Auckland. Volunteered in January, 1952. Commenced on A.C.2. Trained in N.S.W. and Vic., and promoted, during his service through all steps to W/O., P/O, F/O. In 1944 from GOULD in Northern Territory as Navigator and Bomber, he patrolled Timor and Banda Seas and bombed enemy posts in Timor. From Feb., 1945, his Squadron, No 8 Beauforts, was based near AITAPE in New Guinea, and engaged frequently in cooperation with the Army and Navy; also in bombing and strafing enemy positions.

Discharged June, 1946.

1954 - Correspondence School.

ALLEY, Frederick Ernest.

Born 1912 at Annandale

Educated at Kempsey.

Trained Armidale Teachers' College.

Service with R.A.A.F.

1. Aircrew training at Bradfield Park, from 9.10.42 - 22.12.42.

2. Trainee pilot at Narrandera 7.1.43 to 21.7.43.

3. Promoted to rank of Sergeant after completing a duty pilot course at Laverton on 2.1.44.

4. Duty pilot at Deniliquin from 31.1.44 to 25.10.44

5. Duty pilot at Williamtown till 16.2.45.

6. Duty pilot at Ballarat till 7.6.45.

7. Duty pilot at Cootamundra till date of discharge 27.8.45.

1950. Mount Oriel.

ALLSOP, Arthur Henry. Warrant Officer I Field Artillery TK.ATK, and Anti Aircraft. A.I.F.

B.1909. Ed at Hornsby J.T., Ultimo Central, and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted in January, 1942. Served at Milne Bay from October 1942 to October 1943. Promoted Bombardier. In several heavy Japanese air raids. Later promoted W.O.2 and W.O.1. Posted to Army Psychology Unit at Brisbane and Vocational Guidance Unit at Sydney. On account of fine work was retained until November, 1946.

1950 D.H.M. Wauchope.

AMESBURY, Henry Robert John Gunner. R.A.N.

Was a student at Armidale T.C. when he enlisted in the R.A.N. August, 1941. Trained at Flinders Naval Base. In December, 1941, he joined H.M.A.S. "Mildura" as Ordinary Seaman. Took part in patrols around New Caledonia and New Hebrides. Transferred to H.M.A.S. "Australia", as an A.B. In January, 1943, he joined H.M.A.S. "Warrego" in convoy work near New Guinea. Transferred to Special Service as Naval Gunner on Merchant Ships. Took supplies to Darwin and Dutch New Guinea. Served on "Tinara" and "River Fitzroy" in 1944, running supplies for New Guinea campaigns, and later to Java and Borneo Discharged - Feb. 1946. Returned to Armidale T.C.

1950. Ballina.

ANDERSON, Archibald Philip — 2/1 Field Regt. A.I.F.

B.1915. Ed. at Murwillumbah High and Armidale Teachers' College. Trained in Cowra and Albury Camps. Went to New Guinea, December, 1942, returned to Australia 1.8.43, again to New Guinea at Aitape 4.1.45, returned to Australia 1.2.46. Engaged in early defensive work and in Aitape - Wewak Campaign.

1950 - Cudgeon.

ANSON, Lindsay Allan. — Sergeant, Field Artillery, A.I.F.

B.1916 at Newcastle. Ed. at The Junction, Newcastle High, Sydney Teachers' College. Entered camp July, 1940, served at DARWIN from Sept. 1941 to January, 1943. In New Guinea and New Britain from November, 1943 to Sept., 1945. Promoted Sergeant. In Darwin from first to last raid.

For a few months prior to discharge served in a Vocational Guidance Unit, Melbourne.

1950 - Tighe's Hill.

ARKINSTALL, Neville Lance. — 2/2 Pioneer Bn. A.I.F.

B.Lismore 1922. Ed. Lismore High, Armidale Teachers' College. Enlisted on turning 21. Camps were Warwick, Tenterfield, Canungra (Jungle Training), Cairns, Atherton. Overseas service at Morotai forward base, Tarakan landing and Balikpapan. At Rabaul January to June 1946.

In various camps was noted for athletics and general sport - especially Hockey. Was instructed in Physical Training and Unarmed Combat.

1950. Mt. Burrell.

ARMSTRONG, ARthur R. — Lieut. R.A.N.V.R.

After service in the volunteer Defence Force in 1940 he was appointed Warrant Officer on Snapper Island Training Depot in June. Promoted Sub-Lieut in August, and served at Training Depots at North Sydney, Manly and Henly. Promoted Acting C.O. in July, 1943 of Training Depot "Warrego".

1954. Correspondence School.

ARTHUR, James Henry. — Sergeant-Signaller - A.I.F.

B. 1914 at Merewether. Ed. at Teralba, Newcastle High and

Sydney T.College. Enlisted April, 1942. At Bathurst and Tamworth Camps for Infantry and Armoured Corps training; at Singleton and Dungog and N.W. of N.S.W. with Armoured Car Regt.

In Westralia from Dec. 1942 to Oct. 1943, thence with 1st Signals Training Bn. at Bonegilla (V.). Sailed in January, 1944 as a Line of Communication Signaller. Served at LAE, LABU, and MADANG as Cipher Operator. Highly complimented and promoted Sergeant. Posted in Sept. 1944 to Water Transport Tank Section, and served at EMIRAU Is., GREEN Is., TOROKINA, and BOUGAINVILLE.

1950. Wongawilli.

ARTHUR-MASON, Eric Hubert. Lieut. A.I.F. and R.A.N.

B. 1900 - Berkshire.

Ed. at Trinity Grammar School, Summer Hill.

In A.I.F. from 1915-1919.

Enlisted again in Oct. 1939. Served in Middle East from Feb. 1940 to Feb. 1942. Transferred to R.A.N., promoted Lieut., served near New Guinea in 1943 to 1945.

1950 - Aborigines School, Condobolin.

ASHTON, James W. R.N.

Served with R.N. from Nov. 1939 to April, 1946. Four years in H.M.S. Londonderry and escort sloops against submarines. Also served with Mobile Air Base in Admiralty Islands.

1951 - Moombooldool.

ASSER - Frederick James. Pte 2/19th Bn. A.I.F.

B. 1912 at Scone. Ed. at Scone, Dee Why, Manly to Inter. Certificate, Maitland High, and Armidale Teachers' College. Enlisted from Old Koreelah, April, 1941. Trained at Tamworth in 2/19th Bn. Landed at Singapore 15th August, 1941. Attached to Headquarters Intelligence Section, commended for daring and initiative in getting information. Took part in actions on Malaya Peninsula and Singapore Island. Taken P.O.W. 15.2.42. In Burma on "infamour railway", suffered many tropical complaints, Landed in Japan 15.1.45, worked as coal-miner until end of war.

1950 - Grevillia.

AVERN - Geoffrey Lennox. Sgt. Pilot R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Cooma.

Pilot of Beaufighter which crashed in Spain - 19.4.1942

AYOUB - Vivian George Bruce. 7th Recovery Section A.I.F.

B. 1918 at Coonamble. Ed. at Coonamble, Parramatta High, and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted March, 1940 in 2/3 Field Regt. transferred to 6th Div. Ammunition sub-park., sailed May 5th on "Queen Mary" to England for specialist training; left England January 1941 on "Franceria" for Palestine, and was posted to 7th Recovery Section, which did splendid service in the Egyptian Desert and Syrian campaigns until recalled to Australia. While engaged in Jungle Training in Queensland became very ill. Selected for N.C.O. School at Cowra; illness recurred. Discharged as medically unfit, March, 1943.

1950 - Darawank.

BADGER - Frederick Miles. Lieut. 2/14 A.F. Regt. A.I.F.

B.1921. Ed. at Taree High and Armidale Teachers' College. In 1941 was Gunner at Cowra; 1942 Bombardier at Port Kembla; then Sergeant and Lieut. in Oct. 1942. At Fremantle in 1943. In 194 was in Coastal Campaign from Finschafen to Alexishafen; in 1945 in several engagements in New Britain up the coast from Jacquinot Bay to Wide Bay. After a term at Rabaul returned to teaching in July, 1946.

"A splendid young officer - devoted and tireless."

1950 - M.T.Teacher at Tighes Hill.

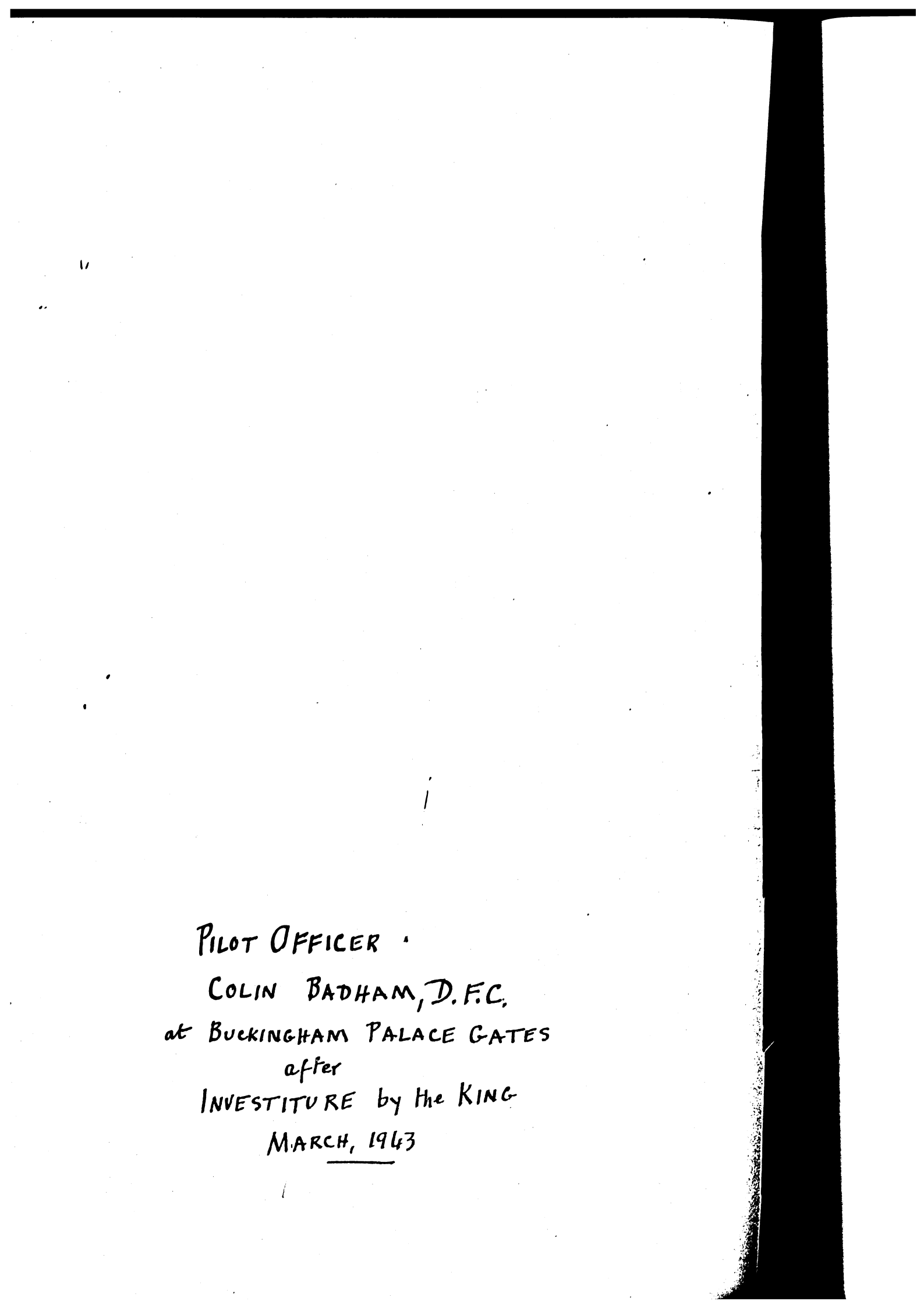
BADHAM - Colin. D.F.C. F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

B.1919 Ed. at Casino High and Armidale Teachers' College. Placed in R.A.A.F. reserve May, 1940, trained at Bradfield Park; sailed to Canada in April, 1941. Gained High Distinction Passes in four schools - Navigation, Bombing and Gunnery, and Flying. Gained Commission.

From London Gazett: " One night in October, 1942, Flying Officer Triggs and Pilot Officer Badham were pilot and navigator respectively of an aircraft which successfully attacked a U-boat

F/Lieut Colin BADHAM, D.F.C.,
was one of ~~six~~ two in this rubber float
in Bay of Biscay for ~~two~~ days
when this photo was taken from a R.N. destroyer.

Pilot Officer
COLIN BADHAM
D.F.C.
at Buckingham
Palace Gates
after Investiture
by the King.
March 1943



PILOT OFFICER
COLIN BADHAM, D.F.C.
at BUCKINGHAM PALACE GATES
after
INVESTITURE by the KING
MARCH, 1943

in the Bay of Biscay. In the same area one night in January, 1943, they again executed a determined attack in bad weather on another enemy submarine. A few nights later Flying Officer Triggs displayed fine airmanship when, during an anti-submarine patrol, a propeller and reduction gear broke adrift causing an engine to fall into the sea. Despite this he flew the aircraft back to this country and landed safely. Both officers have always displayed courage and ability of a high standard."

Nova Scotia, November, 1941. In January, 1942, he navigated a Hudson Bomber from Canada to England. Immediately on experiments with Leighlights on Wellington Bombers. (Leigh invented this anti-submarine device for night operations). Crewed up with P/O A.W.R. Triggs, with whom he flew every operational trip. They attacked four submarines and definitely destroyed two. While in rescue operations crashed and spent six days in a rubber float in Bay of Biscay; rescued by R.N. motor boats. On another tour their starboard engine fell off, but they brought their plane safely back to Cornwall - 140 miles. Both Trigg and Badham were awarded the D.F.C. Having completed over 500 hours on operational flights, he attended a Staff Navigator Course and gained the Air Navigator's Certificate with an 89% pass. In Oct. 1943 was posted to Australia. Again with F/Lt. Triggs he made trips from Darwin and Morotai, including several long range reconnaissance and bombing operations. Assisted in Balikpapan Landing and other battles in Borneo. After V.P. Day carried prisoners-of-war back to Australia and dropped supplies at Batavia and Cocos Island. His operational flights numbered 102 and amounted to 869½ hours.

1950 - Teacher of Woolner's Arm.

BADHAM - Thomas Maxwell. F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted October, 1942. At Somers, Benalla, Bundaberg. Promoted all steps to Pilot Officer at Bundaberg, June, 1943. From August 1943 in United Kingdom on operations and insstruction in Beam Flying. In Palestine February, 1944 on Heavy Bombers - Wellington Halifax, Liberator. In Italy from July, 1944, with South African

Liberator Squadron; completed 40 operations before returning to Egypt in January, 1945 as Flight Lieut. and Flight Commander. Posted as Instructor on Liberators and Navigation until October, 1945. In September, 1944, he received Special Mention in R.A.F. Orders for long flights and successful operations over Warsaw and other parts of Poland.

1950 - H.M. Nobby's Creek. (V. Chapter in Italy.)

BAILEY - Eric Albert. M.I.D. W/O.I 22nd Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Ed. at Central Technical School and Teachers' College, Sydney. After an Ordinance course at Roseberry in 1940 served in Malaya in 1941-42. Promoted from Private through all steps to W.O.I. and Mentioned in Despatches for outstanding devotion and service. Was P.O.W. on Burma Railway and in Siam. Suffered many serious ailments.

1950 - Deputy Hm. of Tingha.

BAILEY - Lester Maxwell. F/Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Mookerawa. Served as Lieutenant at Bathurst on outbreak of war; transferred to R.A.A.F. in Nov. 1943. From A/C. promoted Sgt. Navigator; posted to Darwin in June, 1944. Killed in Liberator crash soon after arrival.

BAIRD - John Douglas. Petty Officer, R.A.N.

Served from December, 1941 to March, 1946. Trained as a Radio Mechanic, promoted to Leading Hand and Petty Officer. Did valuable technical work in dockyards at Cairns, Brisbane and Sydney. Served around New Guinea in H.M.A.S. "Bundaberg", "Gladstone" and "Cowra".

BAKER - Henry Thomas. A.A.M.C. - A.I.F.

B. 1919. Ed. at Sydney High and Teachers' College. Commenced war training with University Bn. at Bathurst, December, 1941. Landed at Milne Bay, December, 1942. Joined 2/2 A.F. Ambulance. At Port Moresby, thence by air to Bulolo. Male Nurse at Wau, Salamaua, Nassau Bay and Milne Bay. From Cairns in Dec. 1944, to Aitape and in nursing duty at Maprek and Wewak. After V.P. Day continued nursing at Atherton Tablelands and Concord Military Hospital, until discharged in August, 1946.

1950 - Rannock.

BAKER, Norman — Lieut A.A.S.C. and Transport, A.I.F.

B. 1917. Ed. at Richmond Rural and Hurlstone A.H.S. Trained at Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted June, 1940. Sailed on "Queen Mary" April, 1941 as Corporal. In Palestine to October, then Egypt and Western Desert, delivering equipment to various British units. Served with transport in Syria and North Syria to end of January, 1942. After transport duties in South Australia and Queensland was promoted Lieutenant. From Port Moresby taken by air to Ramu Valley, in charge of a jeep company on heavy and dangerous duties in the Battle of the Finisterres. After a period of amphibious training went to Morotai to assemble equipment for Tareton and Labuan landings.

"He did a fine job in the Finisterres."

1950 - H.M. of Chillingham.

BAKER - Sydney Gordon F. — Bombardier, Coastal Artillery, A.I.F.

B. 1914. Ed. at Sydney High and Teachers' College.

From January, 1943, was Gunner on coast defence near Sydney, from March, 1944 in Darwin Coast Artillery. Promoted.

1950 - Stratheden.

BAKER - Tom Somerville. — Pte 2/3 Bn. AI.F.

B. 1901. Ed. at Grafton High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

With 2/3 Bn. at Tamworth in 1940 until discharge. In 1942-43 was Honorary Instructor to Kyogle Flight of Air Training Corps, and received letter of appreciation from R.A.A.F. Hqra.

1950 - Kyogle.

BALDWIN, William A. A.STC. — A.I.F.

Enlisted A.I.F.

Contracted a germ in his leg in camp, leg was amputated.

His Headmaster writes "A splendid type of young man, a skilful teacher, his patience under adversity and suffering is outstanding."

BAMBOROUGH, John Errington. Pilot R.A.A.F.

B. 1912 at Rockdale. Ed. at Miranda, Hurstville, Technical College, Sydney Teachers' College - 1928-30.

Commenced R.A.A.F. training at Somers in Sept. 1941., posted then to Temora, Point Cook, Brisbane, Bairnsdale, Sale and Darwin. From Darwin was engaged on reconnaissance and convoy duties., took part in a heavy attack on Timor, and was highly congratulated. Selected for special work in calibrating Radar Stations. During final six months of service was in charge of flights of Allied Works Council personnel in all parts of Australia. "A most reliable pilot" (Records)

1950 - Cronulla.

BAMBOROUGH, Thomas Henry, B.A. P.O. - R.N.

Trained at Chester Diocesan Training College, 1934-41.

Joined Royal Navy in June, 1941. Served as Telegraphist, Air Fitter, and Leading Air Fitter in H.M.S.s. "Impregnable", "Daedalus", and "Kestrel" in Home waters, in 1941-42. From August, 1942 to June, 1944 was Leading Radio Mechanic and P.O./R.M. ON H.M.S.'s "Grebe" and "Pheonix" in Eastern Mediterranean. Then in United Kingdom and Home waters as P./O./R.M. on H.M.S.'s "Daedalus", and "Ariel", "Fieldfare", and "Earling". Come to Australia via Panama on H.M.S."Nabrford", and served on H.M.S.'s "Golden Hind" and "Daedelus". Returned to England via S. Africa. Discharged as "Class A".

Came to Australia to marry and enter the Education Department.

1950 - Assistant Secretary, Teachers' R.S.L.

BANKS, Albert Dennis. F.O. - R.A.A.F.

B. 1914. Ed. at Newcastle High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted in Radio Location Train in 1942. Posted A.C.T.

On completion of heavy courses at Technical College and Universities of Sydney and Melbourne was promoted Pilot-Officer at Richmond.

In March, 1944, was Commanding No. 10 Radar Station at Cape Jervis. promoted F./O. From July, 1944, to October, 1945 was Commanding Radar Stations at Darwin and North West Australia. He carried out experimental work in Radar Tracking of weather balloons. "His work was extremely valuable."

† BANNISTER, Rupert Theodore. Sgt. Air Gunner, R.A.A.F. Trained in Canada September, 1941, to February, 1942. In U.K. March, 1942. Enlisted from BULLI, Killed in aircraft accident 19/7/1942.

BARCAN, Alan.

War Service:

1. Sydney University Regiment, December, 1941 - February, 1942.
2. First a/A Brigade - stationed at Bunnerong on the 1st light A/A to be set up in Australia.
3. Intelligence Section, 45th Bn. April 1942 - January 1943. Went with 2nd Div. to W.A. July, 1942. Carried out Intelligence survey in S.W. Section of W.A.
4. Boarded out of army June 23rd, 1944.

1950 - Lecturer in History, Newcastle Teachers' College.

BARNES, Arthur Reginald, B.A. F./O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1922. Ed. Sydney High, Teachers' College, and University. In 1943 was with R.A.A.F. Aircrew at Bradfield Park, Cootamundra and Evans Head. Promoted Pilot Officer - Navigator. From July to December, 1944, continued training in Canada and Prince Edward Is. The unit was recalled to Australia in 1945. On completion of operational training was promoted Flying Officer. Completed B.A. (Honours) in 1949.

1950 - Demonstration School, North Newtown.

BARNETT, Eric. J.C., B.A., B.Ec. D.F.M. F,/O. Long Range Fighter R.A.A.F.

B. 1918. Ed. at Fort St. High and Sydney Teachers' College and University. Won His "Blue" for Rugby Union.

After training at various centres in 1941, entered General Reconnairsance School at Laverton and Cressy. Promoted AcII, L.A.C., Sgt., F/Sgt. and W.O. As Staff Pilot took part in coastal patrols and anti-submarine work, before joining - August, 1942 - No. 31 Squadron of Long Range Fighters - Beaufighters - at Darwin. On many assults on enemy positions

in Timor and other E.I. islands. Won D.F.M. Promoted P./O. and F./O. Officially credited with having destroyed ten enemy aircraft on several occasions he returned with a badly damaged plane to a crash landing.

Following War Service he went to Test and Ferry Flight, testing new aircraft and flying them to operationed squadrons, returning inthe old ones due for overhaul. Here he flew all types from single seaters to four engined Liberators. In this unit he visited practically every aerodrome in Australia and most centres of action in the S.W. Pacific.

War Correspondent L.J. O'Dwyer wrote:

Teacher Holds Strafing Record.

The most devastating individual strafing attack ever made against the enemy in the section of N.W. of Australia was carried out by a former Sydney mathematics master - F./O. E.J. Barnett, who is a crack pilot of Beaufighters unit which has just completed its first 15 months of operations here.------"Basher" for a long time hold the record as the only Beaufighter pilot to shoot down an enemy plane in aerial combat.------On his way home over Timor he saw another Beaufighter being attacked by an enemy bomber, and, although his own plane was damaged he attempted interception. The Jap fled.

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

HONOURS AND AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED FLYING MEDAL

SERGEANT ERIC JOHN CLARENCE BARNETT

CITATION:

Sergeant BARNETT WAS posted to No. 31 Long Range Fighter Squadron, September, 1942, and has been actively engaged in operations against the enemy since November of that year. He has completed 145 hours of operational flying, which includes 12 raids against enemy targets in Timor and Islands to the north of Australia.

Sergeant BARNETT is a most determined and fearless long range fighter pilot who invariably presses home his attacks regardless of anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition.

On 31st January, 1943, while attacking Penford by ground strafing, he exploded a large bomb dump. In this attack his aircraft was damaged by fragments from buildings in the vicinity disentegrated by the explosion. In spite of this damage, Sergeant Barnett completed a second attack from a height of 20 to 50 feet, setting fire to 2 enemy bombers and damaging 2 other aircrafts. He then attacked a heavy anti-aircraft position, wiping out its crew, after which he flew between 2 wireless masts, destroying the wireless serial by running into it and pulling down the Japanese flag flying on one of the masts. On his return to base, fragments of the explosion were taken out of both engines and his airframe was also extensively damaged by flying debris.

Sergeant BARNETT's courage, daring and determination in all his attacks on the enemy are worthy of the highest praise.

(Sgd.) J.W. Barnaby,
Group Captain,
Director of Personal Services

BARNIER, John Nicholson Dip. Agr. Driver 2 Bde. A.S.C. AIF
B. 1920 at Grafton. Ed. at Grafton High School and Hawkesbury Agricultural College. Enlisted while a student at Armidale Teachers' College. Underwent a big operation in Singapore in 1941, and was marked to return to Australia., he begged to stay: "Duty is duty, and I can't leave my mates", he said.
Fought as Infantryman in Battle of Singapore.
Died while Prisoner of War at Sandakan, Borneo, 12/6/1945.
"John did a grand job in action at Singapore and was the same unselfish and loyal lad when he left Singapore for Borneo as when he left Australia. A greater tribute I cannot pay.#

C.O. Capt. Harper.

In a letter to the Principal of Armidale Teachers' College, he wrote.

"Strange to say, I feel that God is closer than He has ever been before to me." "He was very proud of his relationship with General John Nicholson, and I think that the Hero of Delhi would have been proud of John."

BARROW, Lynne.N., B.A. A.I.F.

Enlisted May, 1940. Served on Military Intelligence. Four years overseas. The work of men on Intelligence is not for publication. Dis. December, 1945.

In 1950 at Drummoyne High School.

BARRY, William Desmond, B.a. Sgt. 2/6 Armoured Regt., A.I.F.

B. 1921. Ed. at Marist Bros. College, Randwick, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Trained with University Regiment in 1940-41. Joined Armoured Corps training Regt. at Tamworth, May, 1942, and later 2/6 Armoured Regt. Did well at Marconi School of Wireless. In New Guinea as Trooper, serving as Driver- Operator, from Oct., 1942, to June, 1943., then in various parts of Queensland and Westralia. In 1945 at Japanese Interpreters' School, later to Noverber, 1946 in Army Psychology Service until discharge.

1950 - Mosman I.H.S.

BARTER, Wilfred John, B.A. F./O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1913 in Wiltshire, England.

Ed. at Burwood I.H.S., Fort St., Sydney Teachers' College and University. Joined R.A.A.F. in February, 1942. Trained as Navagator before going to Canada, Arrweel in England in June, 1943. From Feb. 1944 to May 1945 completed 580 hours of operational flights, mainly night flying in Leigh-light Liberators, against submarines in North Sea and B. of Biscay. Total flying hours were 1100. Just prior to the end of the War he gained a Distinction Pass at a Staff Navigation School, entitling him to rank of F/Lt. as Navigation Officer to a Squadron.

1950 - Homebush I.H.S.

BASSETT, Leonard, B.Sc. Sgt. 2/1 Australian Composite A.A. Regt. A.I.F.

B. 1914.

Ed. at Orange High, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Enlisted 4.6.40.

In Middle East - Palestine, Syria, Egypt from July, 1941, to Feb., 1942. At Darwin from March, 1942, to May, 1943. In Papua from Dec., 1943, to June, 1944, at Balik-Papan Landing and in Borneo from May to November, 1945.

1950: Maths. Master, Dubbo High School.

BATH, Milton Eric — Gunner. Surveyor, R.A.Astillery, A.I.F.

B.1910. Ed. at Hay High, Gosford High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted June, 1940, as Gunner, trained with Sound Ranging Battery.

Sailed in "Queen Elizabeth" to Palestine, April, 1941. In Syrian Campaign to February, 1942. Did outstanding work in mapping installations.

In Australia, May, 1942, two years in W.A. and nine months in Qld. Selected for Duke of Gloucester's Guest of Honour in N.Queensland.

1950: Bellingen

BAXTER, Albert Roy. — Flying Officer, R.A.A.F.

B. Lithgow, May 1915.

Ed. Sans Souci, Arncliffe, Kogarah I.H. Canterbury High. Sydney Teachers' College 1946-47 on Ex-Serviceman's Scholarship.

Service from June, 1941 to January, 1946. After Ingleburn training he volunteered for Air Crew. Air training at Somers, Cootamundra (air observers), Evans Head (Bombing and Gunnery) and Parkes (Astro-navigation). Sailed to Canada February, 1943, at General Reconnaissance Course on Prince Edward Is. In Britain July, 1943. With 53 Squadron in Hampshire and Cornwall, operating over Bay of Biscay and English Channel, on anti-submarine and convoy work. His plane hit by shell but reached home. At Reykjavik in Iceland from October 1944 to May 1945. Promoted F/O. Made 49 operational flights and 640 operational flying hours in 18 months. Completed Long Range Radar Navigation Course in North Iceland.

Returned to Australia, January, 1946..

1953 - Arncliffe.

BAYLISS, William Clifford 2/30th Bn.

Enlisted from Erskineville.

Died of cholera on Burma - Siam railway - 3.6.43. His papers and diaries, which he had smuggled through, are mentioned in "Calleghan's Greyhounds".

BAYMAN, Leslie Herbert Stanley. F./Lieut, R.A.A.F.

Served from May, 1942 to August, 1945. Promoted all steps to F/Lt. Served from England and North Africa as Navigator.

1954: Dulwich Hill.

BELFORD, Daryl Carrington. Pte.2/1 Pioneers, A.I.F.

In his three years' service he spent 17 months in New Guhea campaigns.

1950: Woronona

BEASLEY, Arthur B.A. L./Combardier. 2/1 and 2/6 Survey Bty. R.A.A., A.I.F.

B.1913. Ed. Parramatta High and Armidale Teachers' College. Enlisted 1/4/41 from Goolgowi. Sailed on "Queen Elizabeth", 29.8.41, to Palestine, and Lebanon. After return to Australia served in New Guinea and Salamana and Famu Valley, January, 1913, to Feb., 1944, again in New Guinea from November, 1944, to July, 1945, in Aitape-Wewak Campaign, Promoted for meritorious service.

1950: Headmaster, Jindabyne.

BEMBRICK, Harry. B.A., Dip.Ed. W.O./R.A.A.F.

Born 1911 at Ballina.

Educated at High Schools, Goulburn and Canterbury, Teachers' College and University.

Enlisted 1942 in R.A.A.F.

Service: In Australia July to Sept. 1942

In Canada Oct, 1942.

In Bahamas May to Aug., 1943

In India Sept. to Nov., 1943

In Ceylon Nov. 1943 to Dec. 1945.

Promoted from A.C.2 to Warrant Officer.

Was wireless operator and/or rear gunner in Liberator bomber on two operational tours. Engaged against ships in mine-laying,

bombing, dropping supplies, photography of Sumatra and Malaya. Suffered broken arm, malaria, and ear troubles.

1950: Randwick High School.

BENNETT, John Henry. F./Lieut., R.A.A.F.

B.1915. Ed. at St. Patrick's, Goulburn and Christian Bros. Wagga.

Sydney Teachers' College and university.

Enlisted May, 1942. Sailed to Canada, Sept., 1942, trained at Portage la Prairie and graduated Sgt. Navigator, promoted P.O. Was kept in Canada to October, 1944, as Navigator Instructor. After an Advanced Staff Navigator Course returned back to Australia, promoted F.Lieut.

1950: Research Division Counsellor.

BENNETT, Harry Stevenson. W.O. - Class I and First Mate- R.A.N.

B.1912. Ed. at Newcastle High and Sydney Teachers' College.

In A.I.F. and R.A.N. from December, 1941 to September, 1946.

May, 1942 - promoted Corporal Instructor. January, 1943 promoted Sgt. after qualifying at Officers' School for commission. Reverted at his own request to Sapper, to join Small Ships Co., promoted Navigation Instructor in May, 1944. Corp. Helmman in June, 1945 and later W.O. Class I - First Mate. Complimented on splendid work in Tugboat in Milne Bay and Bougainville, and in small ship in New Guinea and New Britain.

1950: D.E.P. Maitland.

BENNETT, Leslie B.A. Warrant Officer, R.A.A.F.

B. 18.11.20 Marrickville.

Ed. Albury Pry. and Sec. Sydney Teachers' College 1938-39.

Joined R.A.A.F. at Bradfield January, 1943. Canada May, 1943. Promoted Sergeant Wireless Operator and Air Gunner. With R.A.F. in England April, 1944 to March, 1945. With R.A.F. in Middle East March, to June, 1945. Discharged September, 1945. Completed Arts Course at Sydney University.

1953 Granville Secondary.

BENNIE, John Bruce Gunner 2/1 A.A.Regt.,A.I.F.

B. 1906. Ed. at Wollongong High and Sydney Teachers' College

Entered A.I.F. In July, 1940. From June, 1941 to March, 1942 was in Middle East, then in Darwin to June, 1943 manning A.A. posts. From April, 1945 to January 1946, in Pacific Campaign from New Guinea to Borneo.

1950: DHM Artarmon.

BETTS, Lewis Lionard. A/Sgt.2/2 Pioneers and Malarial Control Unit.

B.1915. Ed. at Hay High and Armidale Teachers' College.

After three years service in several Australian camps, including jungle training, served in Pacific area, mainly Morotai and Balikpapan. Promoted Corporal and A/Sergeant.

"Very capable and most conscientious".

1950: Tooleybuc.

BEVERLEY, John. Gunner, Heavy A.A.Battery, A.I.F.

B.1917. Ed. at Maitland High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Trained as Gunner in Heavy A.A.Battery, and drafted to Townsville, transferred to Field Ambulance as Stretcher-Bearer.

In March, 1945, drafter to Australian Movement Control Group working from Morotai. This Unit controlled movements of personnel and equipment by land and air for two divisions in Borneo Campaign. Served in this campaign at Balikpapan. Then on P.O.W. recovery work to November, when with Occupation Force in Celebes to Feb., 1946. For the whole period of N.E.I. service was in constant demand as Malay Interpreter.

1950: Molong.

BINGHAM, James Frederick, B.Sc. Squadron Leader R.A.A.F.

B.1904, Ed. at Fort St, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Enlisted as HM. Warialda 4.2.41. Appointed P.O. Instructor in Navigation, Administration and Special Duties.

At the First Navigation Course at Laverton, he came first, and gained Special Distinction. Posted as Instructor in Astro Navigation, Promoted F./O. In March, 1943, qualified in Bombing and Gunnery, also for Air Crew and Navigator. Promoted F./Lieutenant and then for five months was Navigation Instructor at Bairnsdale General Reconnaissance School. Called to R.A.A.F. Hqurs. to formulate course of training for Staff Navigation Courses, and then appointed O.I.C. Staff Navigation Course at Nhill, O.I.C. [illegible] at Port Pirie, and O.I.C. at Victor

Harbour of Elementary Air Navigation Courses. Promoted Squadron Leader. In April, 1945, was called to R.A.A.F. Hqds., Melbourne, on a new Operational Research Section, which was formed to "advise and assist" the Air Officer Commanding. From May, 1945 was O.I.C. Operational Research at Brisbane, till posted to Hqrs. 1st Tactical Air Force, Lebnon Is.

1950: Inspector of Schools, Canberra.

BINNS, Kenneth Alec. B.A. Pilot, R.A.A.F.

B.1918. Ed. at Fort Street and Sydney Teachers' College. Enlisted Nov., 1940. In Middle East from June, 1941 to March, 1942. At Darwin for eight months in 1942. In May 1945 transferred to R.A.A.F. and became Pilot.

1950: Ryde.

BIRNIE, Arthur William, B.A. Lieut. and Adjutant, 34 Bn.

B.1898 at Peak Hill.

Ed. Forbes, Sydney High, Teachers' College and University. Enlisted in Carmichael's Second Thousand in 1918, aged 19. Due to sail when Armistice signed. Sergeant In University Coy. Volunteered for overseas in 1940, promoted Lieut. 34th Bn., retained in Australia as a Training Officer at Dubbo, Bathurst, Walgrove, Ingleburn and Liverpool. Served as Adjutant and Intelligence Officer. High commendation from G.O.C.

1953: HM. Cronulla South.

BLACK, Rex Cleugh B.A. F./Lieut. R.A.A.F.

B.1912. Ed at Parramatta High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Enlisted from Sydney Technical College in July, 1940 as Wireless Operator. Posted to Canada as Instructor in Signals. On return to Australia was attached to Directorate of Recruiting as Trade-Testing Sgt. Transferred from signals to Armament Branch and became P.O. In charge, at Evans Head, of bombing and gunnery exercises and then of ObserverTraining/May 1942 to Dec. 1943. Promoted F./Lieut. Transferred to Air Gunnery School, Sale, as Chief Ground Instructor, and to Victor Harbour in charge of special school for training of Gunnery Instructors. Served also

on assembly and installation of Fleet Air Arm aircraft.

1950: Liverpool Secondary J. T. School.

BLAMEY, Sir Thomas Albert. Field Marshall.

V. First World War.

BLAYELL, Kenneth George. Corporal, Ordnance, A.I.F.

B. 1908. at Stockton.

Ed. at Stockton, Newcastle High, and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted January, 1942, in A.I.F. In order to go overseas quickly, volunteered for Tank Attack unit, when it was decided to hold this unit in Australia, he volunteered for Ordnance, and was posted to Tolga in N.G. Promoted Corporal. In December, 1944, sent to LAE. Appointed to escort work boats to New Guinea, but war terminated. Was highly complimented by C.O. of Tanks and C.O. of Ordnance Unit on his keenness and efficiency.

1950: Headmaster of Nymbioda.

BLEVIN, Robert John. Navigator R.A.A.F.

Enlisted on completion of Teachers' College course. Served 18 months in Air Crew.

1950: Paddy's Plains.

BLICK, Claude W.A. P/O Navigator - R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Harboard.

Killed in a training crash, Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia, July, 1942.

BLOOMFIELD, Hilton Osborne. Staff Captain, 1st A.I.F.

Motor Division. B. 1904, Sydney. Ed. Sydney High and Teachers' College.

Lieut. in C.M.F. 3rd Bn. 1937. Served with 34 Bn; 1st Light Horse M. Gren. Regt., 1st Army Tank Regt. Promoted and served as Staff Captain.

1950: Headmaster Kiama.

BLYTHE, TERENCE CEDRIC, B.A. F/ Lieut. R.A.A.F.

B. 1915 at Wauchope.

Ed. Kempsey High, Armidale Teachers' College. Queensland University (external)

Commenced as A.C.2 in R.A.A.F. in April, 1941. Promoted

L.A.C. July, 1941.
Pilot Officer January, 1942. F/O July, 1942.
F.Lieut. January, 1944.
Trained at Bradfield Park, Cootamundra, Evans Head, Parkes Wagga (Wirraways), Nowra, Sale, Camden, Hamilton.
Was Navigation Instructor at Cootamundra and Sale.
F/O with 6 Beaufort Bombing Squadron at Milne Bay and Goodenough Is. Promoted on service to F/Lt. Completed service with 32 Squadron at Lowood (Queensland).
His escape back to Goodenough Island when attacked by five Zeros will always be regarded as one of the best examples of handling a Beaufort. "He put it in impossible positions bluffed the Japs into regarding him as destroyed, and landed safely".
1953: Llangothlin.

BOARDMAN, Harold J.
A veteran of the 18th Bn. in the First World War, he again enlisted in the 2/18th Bn. immediately the Second World War commenced. Departmental permission, however, was refused. He, then, entered actively into the Volunteer Defence Corps organisation.
In 1948 was at Matraville Public School.

<u>BOLAND, John Francis.</u> R.A.A.F. Navigator and Staff Officer.
B. 1911 in New Zealand.
Ed. at Wollongong High. Trained at Sydney Teachers' College.
Entered R.A.A.F. 3/2/41. Posted to Canada for further training as Navigator. Trained in Ontario and New Brunswick. Commissioned in England in December, 1941.
Posted as Navigator on Liberator Bomber in 120 R.A.F. Squadron, operating from North Ireland. Conyoyed ships going to Russia and visited Reikijavik in Iceland. For operations in Arctic Circle he became a member of the

exclusive Blue Nose Club. Transferred to Outer Hebrides during one patrol his bomber landed in America, and then recrossed to Hebrides. His crew sank or damaged several submarines. On account of outstanding efficiency as Navigator he was one of six Australians selected for a "Specialists' Staff Officers' Course", which he completed with distinction. Returned to Australia to be Staff Officer, Photography and Navigation; then S/O at R.A.A.F. Headquarters, Melbourne till April, 1946.

1950: at Thirroul.

BOLLAND, William N.G. Driver Motor Transport A.I.F.

B. 1912 - North Sydney.

Ed. Canterbury High and Sydney Teachers' Collge.

Enlisted May, 1942. Served four years. In Northern Territory and Queensland on transport duty with various vehicles. Gained high places in schools in water purification, amphibious operations, and mechanical work. Served twice on Morotai and in landings on Tarakan and Balikpapan.

1950: Belmore North.

BOND, John Norman. P/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1918. Ed. Kempsey High; Armidale Teachers' College.

K.I.A. Crashed over England, July, 1944.

BOREHAM, Frederick John. Sergeant, 2/13 Bn. A.I.F.

B. 1910 in London. Educated at English Public and High Schools. Trained at Sydney Teachers' College.

Served with the 2/13th Bn. from May, 1940 to March, 1945, in Palestine, Tobruk (through the famous siege), Syria, El Alamein, and Western Desert. Wounded in Tobruk and at El Alamein. Promoted Corporal and Sergeant. In campaigns of Lae and Finchhafer, contracted malaria and scrub typhus, and was seconded to Army Education Service. Served 1,611 days with 2/13th and 5 months with Army Education.

A "Tobruk Rat" writes: "Sgt. Fred. Boreham was a great scout; we are proud to have him as one of us."
C.O. 2/13th : "Boreham was one of the best N.C.O.'s in the A.I.F. he set a splendid example, and could always be relied upon."

BOURKE, Edmond Joseph. Corporal. R.A.A.F.

B. 1911. Ed. at Port Kembla Public School, Christian Brothers College, Wollongong and Sydney Teachers' College. Served with R.A.A.F. at various centres and Darwin. Promoted from L.A.C. to Corporal.

1950: Port Kembla.

BOWER, Ronald Reginald. Lieutenant 2/2 Bn. A.I.F.

B. 1922. Ed. at Darbalara and Tumut, Sydney Teachers' College.

Served from April, 1942 to August, 1946.

Was first an Instructor in a Junior Leaders' School and also in Guerilla Warfare. Promoted L/Cpl. and Sergeant while Instructor. Selected for Officers' Training School in S. Australia, won Commission, became an Instructor at Canungra Jungle Training Camp. Served in New Guinea Campaigns for 15 months. From March to August, 1946, was training reinforcements at Greta and Ingleburn. Placed in Reserve of Officers.

1950: Gundagai.

BOWLES, Norman Leslie. Sergeant.

B. 1914 at Hurstville.

Ed. Hurstville, Chatswood, North Sydney High, Sydney Teachers' College.

A.I.F. service from Oct. 1941 to January, 1946. North Queensland, Northern Territory, Morotai and Labuan.

1953: Marrickville.

BOYD, Roy Vincent. F/Sgt. R.A.A.F.

B. 1921.

Enlisted while a student at Armidale Teachers' College,

March, 1942.

Trained in Canada. Promoted from L.A.C. to F/ Sgt.

Crashed into Bay of Biscay while on anti-submarine duty.

BOWIE, Robert Leslie. Sergeant 46A. Camp Hospital, A.I.F.

B. 1916. Ed. at Cleveland St., Sydney Technical High and Teachers' College.

Served in New Guinea Campaigns from January, 1942 to June, 1944. promoted Corporal and Sergeant.

After serious tropical illness was discharged, December, 1944.

1950: Headmaster Cascade.

BRADLEY, Allan. F/O. R.A.F.

B. 1923 at Keighley, England.

Ed. Skerry's College, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Teacher Training at Bede College, Durham.

Trained as Pilot in canada and received commission.

Posted R.A.F., Transport Command based on Brisbane in 1945. Promoted Flying Officer.

Joined N.S.W. Education Dept. - October, 1948.

1953: Katoomba.

BRAID, Eric William. F/Sgt. R.A.A.F.

B. 1917. Ed. at Tenterfield High School and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted August 1941, from Upper Beaury Creek.

Highly commended at Nowra R.A.A.F. School; promoted Sgt. Observer and F/Sgt.

Missing on 23.9.43 in combat, K.I.A. Navigator of Beaufort shot down in attack on Jap position in New Britian.

BRENNAN, Maurice J.

Enlisted from Hanwood.

P.O.W. Resigned on return to Australia.

BRENNAN, William Stanley. F/O. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Newcastle Central J. T. School.

Pilot of Dakota plane shot down near mouth of River Orne, Normandy, while carrying supplies for invasion of France, 7/6/1944.

BREYLEY, Alexander John. B.A., B. Sc. Major, 6th M.G. Bn. A.I.F.

B. 1909 at Young.

Ed. at Fort St. High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Enlisted from Kogarah I.H.S. after considerable distinguished service with University Regt. and Parramatta - Blue Mountains Regt. When about to embark he was leading his Company on a 20-mile cross country exercise near Narellan and tore his leg on old barbed wire; he died in Baulkam Hills A.I.F. Hospital a few days later - 25/9/42. Left widow and three sons.

BRILL, Victor Vincent. P/O. R.A.A.F.

Ed. Wagga High, Sydney Teachers College.

After training in 1942 at Bradfield, was selected for Canada. Promoted Navigator at Portage la Prairie; then trained in England. Served under Wing Commander Rollo Kingsford-Smith. Completed 34 raids over Germany. Promoted Pilot Officer. Some of his targets were Stuttgart, Berlin, Nuremburg where 98 planes were lost, Essen, Doisburg, Cologne, Karlsruhe, Brunswick, Munich, Stettin. Then had a prominent part in 'D'.Day operations. Finally made several flights dropping parachute supplies. After victory he was a pre-demobilisation Education Officer.

1954: Meerschaum Vale.

BROADFOOT, Maurice. Lieut. 2/3 Bn. A.I.F.

B. 1916. Wagga.

Ed. Wagga Rural, Hurlstone A. H. Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted July, 1940. Sailed on "Queen Elizabeth", served in Palestine and Syria. Garrison duty in Ceylon to July, 1941. Was Signals Officer in Kokoda Trail operations. In hospital with scrub typhus. Returned to New Guinea, December, 1944. In Aitape to Wewak Campaign to September, 1945. Suffered several tropical ailments.

Promoted through all stages from Pte. to Lieut. and complimented on high efficiency as in the field, and as Signals Officer and Quartermaster. While in the field was Bn. Education Officer.

1950: Camden.

BROADFOOT, Roy H. F/O. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Sydney Teachers' College, October, 1942.

Trained as Wireless Air-Gunner, promoted Sgt.

Reached England via U.S.A. 1943; served with Lancaster Bomber Squadron. Completed 27 operations over enemy territory and ocean. Promoted P/O and F/O.

1951: Dapto.

BROADHURST, Geoffrey Frederick. L/Cpl.

2/15 A.F. Coy. A.I.F.

B. Goulburn, 1917.

Ed. Goulburn High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted July, 1940; sailed on "Aquitania".

Served in Poona, Bombay, Palestine and Damascus.

Later in Northern Territory and Cairns.

1950: Goulburn.

BROCK, Bruce. NX239. Captain, 2/2 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1907 at Darwin.

Ed. Leeton, Fort St., and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted 1939 and commissioned. Embarked for Palestine 9/1/40, after desert training in Egypt was with first A.I.F. to enter Libya. Was Signals Officer at B. of Bardia, promoted Captain at Tobruk 12/3/41. Sailed to Greece under

heavy bombing. In action at Salonika, had charge of 35 men behind the German lines, and watched the retreat from Thermophylae Pass. Passed through enemy lines several times and crossed to Euboea, walked 150 miles and with 13 men escaped in 15 foot boat to Skyros.. Took another boat, escaped to Smyrna and finally to Palestine. In January, 1942, badly injured by truck, sent ot hospital and Australia. In October he "wangled" air transport to New Guinea. Fought through Owen Stanley Campaign, then sent to hospital. Transferred to Retired List 14/1/1944. on account of illness due to severe service conditions.

1950: Headmaster Ariah Park.

Volunteered to go to Korea.

BRONGER, Norman Dudley. B.A. Gunner 2/17 L.A.A. Bty. A.I.F.

B. 1908.

Ed. Drummoyne I. H., Fort St. H., Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Enlisted from Cleveland St., 1941. From May, 1942 to January, 1944, served at Pt. Moresby, Milne Bay, Oro Bay, Dobadura and Buna. Transferred to Intelligence Branch, Suffered severely from tropical complaints.

1951: Headmaster, Wellington.

BROWN, James Reid. Craftsman, Radar, A.I.F.

B. 1914 at Cessnock.

Ed. Cessnock, Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted February, 1943. After training in Wireless and Radar served on Radar Maintenance on Rottnest Is. as Craftsman.

1950: Gregra.

BROWN, John Cecil. L/Bdr. 2/11 Army Field Regt. A.I.F.

B. 1903 at Young.

Ed. Bursar at Bathurst High, Sydney Teachers' College.

Served in Middle East from Nov. 1941 to June, 1942; then in Queensland and Darwin to March, 1945. On Educational Service from Aug. 1944 to end.

1950: Headmaster of Woonona.

BROWN, Leslie Melville, B.A. Sergeant, Artillery, Lieut. Intelligence, A.I.F.

B. 1914 at Guildford, N.S.W.

Ed. Sydney Teachers' College and University.

In A.I.F. from June 1940 to Feb. 1946. In Palestine Syria and Egypt from April, 1941 to April, 1942. Served throughout Syrian Campaign - in action at Damour and South Beyrouth. Complimented by G.O.C. for splendid service and selected for Officers' Course in Intelligence; was one of 10 out of approximately 7,000 original applicants to complete a long and severs course and to be graded "A". In 1945-46 served at Morotai, Labuan and Borneo, until end of War.

1950: Assistant Master, Parkes H.S.

BROWN, Sydney Herbert. B.A. F/Commander, R.A.A.F.

B. 1914 at Grenfell.

Ed. at Boys' High, Teachers' College, and University, Sydney.

After training at Bradfield Park and Mascot, April to Aug. 1941, posted to Canada. Trained at Alberta, P. Edward Is., and Nova Scotia. Promoted P/O. Feb., 1942, then F/O. and F/Lt. After a crash spent 13 weeks in hospital in Canada. Returned to Australia, March 1943; was Staff Pilot and F/Commander at Cootamundra; transferred to Catalinas at Rathmines. During 1944 was on operational tour with Squadron 43 as Second Pilot; main job was long distance mining of Balikpapan Harbour. Completed "Skippers' Course" at Rathmines; posted to Lake Boga; tested Catalinas and delivered them to Rathmines, Melville

Bay, Darwin and Madong until end of War.

1950: English Master, Taree High School.

BROWNING, Robert J. F/O. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from small school near Wellington; from Cootamundra was posted to Middle East - Jerusalem and Egypt. From North Africa carried out severel successful reconnaissance flights in Baltimores around Crete and Greede. In April, 1944 he took off before dawn and failed to return. Very low flying was necessary to avoid radar detection, and it is believed that he flew into the sea.

BROWNLEE, Philip Arthur. B. A. C.S.M. with three A.I.F. Training Bns.

B. 1917 at Dulwich Hill.

Ed. Sydney High, Teachers College and University.

On account of high efficiency as Infantry Instructor was speedily promoted Cpl. Sgt. and C.S.M. and retained at Bathurst and Cowra from 1.4.42 to 29.11.1944. Came top at a Queensland Army Chemical Warfare School.

1950: Quirindi.

BRUCE, Gordon. R.A.A.F.

B. 1913 at Murrurundi.

Ed. Newcastle High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Volunteered on outbreak of War for R.A.A.F., accepted Sept. 1943. In 1944 served at Milne Bay and Admiralty Is. Posted to Melbourne to do Education Officers' Course, then at Townsville. Under orders to go to Morotai when war ended. Discharged February, 1946.

1950: Tighe's Hill.

BRYDE, Geoffrey Nigel. Sgt./Pilot. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Woodenbong.

Attached to R.A.F. Killed in aircraft accident near Hull, England on 24th May, 1943.

BUCHANAN, Donald Arthur.B.A. Leading Seaman, R.A.N.

Entered R.A.N. Reserve 1/6/42.

Trained at Flinders.

Served in H.M. A.S. "Nizam" from August, 1943 to October 1945, serving as a unit of the British Eastern Fleet in the Indian Ocean, and later as a unit of the British Pacific Fleet, and taking part in the initial landings and occupation of the Tokyo Bay area at the cessation of hostilities in the Pacific.

Served in H.M.A.S. "Quadrant" from 17th October, 1945 to 20th February, 1947, serving in the East Indies area, and Japanese waters on occupation duties.

Demobilised February, 1947.

1950: Yanco Agr. High School.

BUCK, Ronald Cameron. Gun Layer 2/5 Field Regt. A.I.F.

B. 1914 at Temora.

Ed. at Hurlstone Ag. High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted 6/7/1940. In Middle East July, 1941 to March, 1942. In New Guinea Campaigns - Buna, Sanander - from September, 1942 to February, 1944. The barge containing his unit was heavily bombed by Jap. planes near Cape Endiadere, in Borneo Campaign, 1945 at Balikpapan.

1950: Headmaster, Yetman.

BULTEAU, Victor Horace. Sgt. Hqrs. A.I.F.

B. 1892 at Sydney.

Ed. Sydney High. Served four years in First World War.

Enlisted Jan., 1941. At Darwin from July, 1941 to March, 1942. Wounded 19/2/42. In New Guinea campaigns Sept., 1943 to June, 1945; suffered concussion from bomb at Buna. In New Guinea was promoted Sgt. in Charge of Post Office at N. G. Details Depot - a big and important job, on which he was highly commended.

1.7.47. Promoted Chief Attendant, National Art Gallery, Sydney.

BUNNETT, Frank.

Enlisted from Bob's Farm, 1941.

Died as P.O.W. in Malaya. Jap. brutality caused his death.

BURKE, John. F/Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted March, 1941. Served to Aug. 1946.

Promoted all steps from Air Crew to F/Sgt. In three centres in England he was Hqrs. Orderly Room Sgt., and was finally in charge of the draft of R.A.A.F. personnel returning to Australia in 1946 in H.M.S. "Indomitable".

1954: Calliope.

BURLING, Reginald. P/O. R.A.A.F.

Trained at Narromine; selected for Empire Training Scheme in Canada. Won his wings at Calgary; then took a three-month Coastal Command Course at Prince Edward Island, and another course in Hudson Bombers in Nova Scotia. Service in England and North Africa amounted to 500 flying operational hours. Broke both legs in plane accident; returned to Australia in a hospital ship. Made 30 sorties over Europe and Middle East.

1955: Kelly's Plains.

BURLING, Robert. Pilot/Officer, R.A.A.F.

Sydney Teachers' College, University Blue.

K.I.A. over Europe.

BURNETT, Leslie Wilson. Sgt. AAMC, A.I.F.

B. 1914 at Wollongong.

Enlisted June, 1940, in A.A.M.C. Was Orderly Room Clerk at Cowra Camp Hospital. Sailed on "Aquitania" from Sydney to Palestine. On H.M.A.S. "Perth" to Greece, Unit engaged clearing wounded from Mt. Olympus area and Lamia Pass. Evacuated on H.M.S. "Dido" to Crete, later to Port Said. After re-equipment Unit joined Syria Campaign near Beirut. After Syrian Armistice, Unit functioned as a Hospital for 11 months in Beirut, and then

2 months in Tripoli. Promoted Sergeant during Alamein Battle. In March, 1943, the Unit was reformed on Atherton Tableland. Selected for Army Educ ation and arranged for rehabilitation of personnel on discharge. Sent to England with A.I.F. P.O.W. Reception Group at Eastbourne, Sussex. Lectured on C.R.T.S. and Rehabilitations Schemes. Returned to Australia, July, 1945, on "Mauretamia" and Discharged.

1950: D.H.M. Milton Central.

BURNS, William James. D.F.C. F/Lt. R.A.A.F.

B. 1918 at Broken Hill.

Ed. Broken Hill High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted Dec. 1941. Trained at Bradfield Park, Narromine, Urnaquinty, Adelaide. Arrived in England Sept. 1943, as P/O. Promoted F/O and F/Sgt. Took part in 33 raids on targets in Germany, France and Norway. Awarded D.F.C. for outstanding gallantry and high efficiency in these and especially for raids on Dortmund-Ems Canal and Politz in Feb. 1945.

1950: H.M. Laggan.

BURROWS, Ernest. Corp. A.I.F.

B. 1921 in Lancashire.

Ed. Lithgow High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted from College. Retained in Australia to train recruits and later, as Corporal, to give advanced and Commando training.

1950: Walmer.

BUSH, George R. A.A.M.C. 2nd F. Ambulance.

Enlisted from Gunnedah staff, was in Darwin during Jap. raids. Embarked at Sydney on Hospital Ship "Centaur" which was torpedoed off Brisbane.

BUTLER, Richard Harold. Major E.D.

B. 1910 at Hinton.

Ed. Maitland High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Trained prior to War with University Regiment (Lieut) and 2/35 Bn. 1939. Promoted Captain and 2nd i/c M.G. Coy, 2/35

Bn. On important guard duties. Enlistment in A.I.F. refused by Army in 1940. In 1941 was Chief Instructor to 2nd Bn. as part of Newcastle defence. Did well at Higher Officers' Course at Duntroon. With 2nd Bn. at Battle Stations; promoted to Major and 2nd i/c. Posted C.O. 10 Div. Engineers School. Completed Reg. Commanders' Course. Back with 2nd Bn. for jungle training at Canungra as A.I.F. Shifted Jap. P.O.W. from Cowra after their outbreak. On disbandment of 2nd Bn. was O.C. Hqrs. Coy. 13/33 Bn. A.I.F. In hosptial with leg injury (1944). In 1945 in charge of transfers of 2,000 Italian P.O.W. Between 1943-45 was administering command of two Bns. Was O.C. Moorebank in Discharge.

1950: H.M. Bilbul.

BYRNE, Andrew Erine. F/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1918 at Glebe.

Ed. at Gardiner's Rd., and Central Tech., and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted R.A.A.F. May, 1941. After training at Temora, went to Canada and England.

Returned June, 1943, to serve on Spitfires at Milne Bay, Goodenough, Kirivina and Admiralty Is. to July, 1944.

Received letter of appreciation from Air Board.

1950: Headmaster, Canbelego.

BYRNES, William A.G. Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Trained at Sydney Teachers' College, 1948-49.

Served with R.A.A.F. in Australia in 1941-42, at Darwin in 1942; in 1943 to 1945 in New Guinea and Borneo.

1950: Como.

CAHILL, John Joseph. Sergeant.

Enlisted fron Tara.

K. I. A.

CAIRNS, Harold Clive. F/O. R.A.A.F.

B.1918 at Taree.

Ed. Taree High, Research Staff Forestry Commission, and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted June, 1941. Several R.A.A.F. centres and courses. Promoted A.C.I., Sgt. and P/O. In 1943 at Milne Bay and Kiriwina Is. Promoted F/O. In 1944 in Admiralty Is. and had command of radar unit on Bat. Is. in Purdy Group, but Bat. Is. was too unhealthy; unit returned to Admiralty Is. Appointed Unit Education Officer.

1950: Research Branch.

CAIRNS, Raymond H.R. Pte. 1 A.A. Bde, A.A.S.C., A.I.F.

B. 1911.

Ed. Newcastle High, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Enlisted March, 1942. The Armoured Bde. was retained in Australia, mainly in Westralia. Made several efforts to transfer to go overseas. His C.O. regarded him too valuable as a Specialist Clerk to sanction transfer.

1950: Newcastle Tech. High.

CALLCOTT, Herbert Godfrey. Corporal 1st Armd. Div., A.I.F.

B. 1913 at Tamworth.

Ed. High and Christian Bros., Tamworth, Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted Jan., 1942. Served with 1st Arm. Div. at several centres in N.S.W. and W.A. Six months in hospital with injured knee. In April, 1945 with British Borneo Civil Affairs Unit at Labuan; rehabilitating natives and organising Medical Services throughout North Borneo.

1951: Granville Secondary Tech. School.

CAMERON, James William K. F/O. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Koorawatha. Missing, believed killed in air battle on 21/4/1944. Place of death unknown. Taget was Paris Marshalling Yards. K.I.A.

CAMERON, Keith Reginald. Lieut. 2/2nd Bn. A.I.F.

B. 19201

Ed. at Bellingen, Kempsey High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Entered Ingleburn Camp - 1941. Then several camps before Jungle Training at Canungra and North Queensland. Served in Aitape - Wewak Campaign from Dec., 1944 to January, 1946. Promoted by steps from Pte. to Lieutenant. On conclusion of War, was Education Officer in Wewak for six months.

1950: At Tenterfield I. H. School.

CAMPBELL, Alexander William. 2/30th Bn. A.I.F.

B. 1912 at Maryborough (Qld.)

Ed. at Chatswood and North Sydney High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted June, 1940 from Carrow Creek. Selected for training in Intelligence work. Landed at Singapore in Aug. 1941. Battle of Gemas and rearguard actions from 14/1/42 to surrender at Singapore on 15/2/42. Hospital with malignant malaria when Japs took over. In April at work on Burma railway, marched 200 miles in jungle and monsoonal rain - always by night. In Nov. very ill; taken to Singapore; heavy work on aerodrome and tunnels until British returned Aug. 1945. Returned to Sydney; in hospital for six months. Discharged March, 1946.

1950: Headmaster of Lower Kinchela.

CAMPBELL, Gordon A. B.A., Dip. Ed. Corporal, A.I.F.

Trained Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted 1941 in 7 Div. Cavalry Sqn. Transferred to 2/1 Armoured Division in Westralia. Served with Corps Hqrs. in Morotai Area, and with 33 Infantry Bde. on occupation duties.

1954: Kiama High.

CAMPEY, Gordon Como. Pte. Field Ambulance, A.I.F.

B. 1909 at Hurstville.

Ed. Sydney Tech. High and Teachers' College.

Served with 1st Ambulance Division in N.S.W. and W.A.

1950: Headmaster at Uranquinty.

CANN, Rowley Cumming. Lieut. 2/2 Machine G. Bn. A.I.F.

B. 1917 at Singleton.

Ed. Singleton High, Maitland High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted July, 1940. Received commission from Randwick Machine Gun School. Sailed on "Queen Elizabeth", Oct., 1941 to Palestine and Egypt. Returned to Australia on "Queen Mary", Feb., 1943. From July, 1943 to March, 1944 in New Guinea campaign. In 1945 at Morotai and Borneo; was in first wave of first landing in Borneo. After Jap. defeat prepared reception camp in Labuan for released prisoners and was Interrogation Officer in regard to Jap. war crimes. Discharged, November 1945.

1950: Wongalea.

CAREW, Michael J. B.A., Dip. Ed. Major 16 Inf. Bde. Hqrs. A.I.F.

Queensland Teachers' College and Brisbane University.

Enlisted from Randwick I. H. S. October, 1939 as a private. Promoted Sgt. Commissioned in Middle East, Sept, 1941 Served in Egypt, Palestine, Western Desert, Greece, Syria, Ceylon and New Guinea. Did splendid Intelligence work on Corps and Bde. Hqrs. Promoted Captain in Oct., 1943. Became instructor in Officers' Training Schools and then commanded Conversion Wing O.C.T.U.

1950: North Sydney Tech. High School.

CARLSON, Eric F. Pilot, 4th Communication Unit.

As the South-West Pacific war moved northwards P/O. Carlson made many flights to inspect islands where Japs. had been.

He had been flying constantly during the Coral Sea Battle, and then kept in touch with the enemy, making most valuable reports and carrying personnel to new posts. He was also helping Quantas Air Company to re-establish the posts they had evacuated.

Missing - K.I.A.

CASSIDY, Albert W. M. D.F.M. P/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1915 at Wagga.

Ed. at Dura, Wagga High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted Nov., 1942 in Mustang Air Crew as A.C.2. Promoted L.A.C. In April, 1943 sailed for Canada. At Edmonton promoted Sergeant Air Navigator and posted to Halifax. Crossed to England on "Aquatania". After considerable flying in various planes was promoted F/Sgt. Took part in 23 day and 9 night bombing attacks over Calais, Duirberg, Bonn, Solingen, Dortmund, Cologne, Stuttgart, Coblentz and other strategical centres. Won D.F.M. Promoted Navigator Instructor, W.O. and P/O. Total flying time was 324 hours by day and 188 by night.

CITATION.

Flight Sergeant Cassidy has proved himself to be a skilful and resourceful navigator and has participated in a number of operations against important and heavily defended targets.

On one occasion in October, 1944, his aircraft was detailed for a mission against Bonn. Extensive damage was sustained while over the target area from anti-aircraft fire, the bomb-aimer being seriously wounded and a number of vitally important navigational instruments rendered unserviceable.

The bomb-aimer was urgently in need

of medical attention and in spite of many difficulties, Flight Sergeant Cassidy devised means of navigating the aircraft to an emergency airfield in this country. Although adverse weather was encountered this courageous and determined airman displayed faultless navigating.

His devotion to duty at all times has been worthy of high praise.

(Signed) H. R. Winneke,
Group Captain,
Director of Personal Services.

1950: Headmaster - Wolumla.

CATT, Frank Manning. W.O. Australian Psychology Service. A.I.F.

B. 1912 at Taree.

Ed. Taree High and Armidale Teachers' College and Sydney University.

Served for four years from April, 1942. Hospital with meningitis. Promoted from Pte.

1950: Lecturer in Music, Balmain Teachers' College.

CATTS, Oswald Sydney. Lieut. 1st Corps Signals A.I.F.

B. 1912.

Ed. Young I. H. S. and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Leichhardt J. T. S. in January, 1942. Served on Kokoda Trail and other areas in New Guinea in 1942 and 1943. Promoted through all steps from Signaller to Lieutenant.

1950: Caringbah.

CHAD, Cecil Ray. W.O. 1st Arm. Div. A.I.F.

B. 1906 at Barraba.

Ed. Barraba, Tamworth High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted January, 1941. Became A Grade Fitter in 1st Arm. Div. Nov, 1941. Complimented on fine technical work on defence of foreshores and promoted Corporal, March, 1942. In Gunnedah-Narrabri area from July, to Dec., 1942. Came top of Senior N.C.O. course in Military Engineering at

Liverpool. In W.A. near Geraldton on road, bridge and water supply work. Promoted W.O. Instructor and recalled to Liverpool.

1950: Headmaster, Blackheath.

CHAFFER, Clifford George. B.A. A.I.F. Artillery & R.A.A.F.

B. 1915 at Sydney.

Ed. Canterbury High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted July, 1940. Sailed April, 1941 to serve in Palestine, Egypt and Syria. Returned to Australia in May, 1942; in S.A. and Queensland. Served in R.A.A.F. in aerodrome control from March, 1944 to August, 1945. In hospital with ailments caught in Middle East.

1950: Marrickville.

CHALLENOR, James Crompton. Sgt. Instructor, A.I.F.

B. 1910 at Woonona, 1910.

Ed. Wollongong High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Infantry Instructor from April, 1942 to July, 1943 at Bathurst and Seymour. Became seriously ill and classifies "B". Selected to take charge of the harvesting of peanuts by "Young Soldiers" at Kingaroy in 1944.

1950: Headmaster, Finley.

CHALLINOR, Arthur John. Artillery Training Regt. A.I.F.

B. 1906 at Sydney.

Ed. Parramatta I. H. and Sydney Teachers' College.

Served as Artillery Instructor from March, 1942 to June, 1944. Then, on account of illness as Orderly Clerk.

1950: Headmaster, Brewarrina Abo. School.

+ CHALMER, Edward Dawson. W/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1919. Ed. at Kandos and Armidale Teachers College.

Enlisted from Wirrinya, May, 1941. Trained in Canada. In several raids as a Beaufort Pilot from England. In 1943 was on Air Operations from Malta. In June, he was reported as "Missing, Air Operations in Mediterranean."

CHALMERS, Loftus Norman. F/Lt. R.A.A.F.

B. 1915 at Wellington, N.S.W.

Ed. Wellington I.H., Sydney High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Volunteered for Air Crew in Feb., 1941. In Aug. 1942 received Observer's Wings and Commission; posted to Canada via San Francisco and Vancouver; at Edmonton, Prince Edward Is. and Halifax. In England January, 1943. Posted to Middle East in April. Sailed from Scotland via Freetown Capetown, Durban, Aden, Egypt and Palestine. In Dec. flew from Cairo to Tunis, and then at Bone in Algeria. Convoy escort and anti-submarine work; took part in sweep across Adriatic. Forced landing at Catania in Sicily. In Feb., 1944, on duty from Bone, then on raids from Corsica along coasts of Italy and France. On 11/3/44 in crash at Bone; plane wrecked, but all uninjured. On 15/3/44 crashed into sea near Sicily; plane sank in 40 seconds but all escaped in dinghy and were rescued by a gunboat and taken to Maddalena in Sardinia. Many flights from Bone during April; then on operations from Malta, S. Italy and Corsica, mainly convoy and anti-submarine work. Similar duties from Bone again until in June the squadron transferred to Alghero in Sardinia, to bomb shipping and coast installations. From 21st to 24th Aug. took part in covering the South France Invasion Force. On 4th Sept. the squadron moved to Foggia in Italy to bomb shipping and coasts. Lt. Chalmers was now Education Officer for Squadron. He was Adjutant to a detachment based on Ancona from 28th Sept. to 8th Dec. Returned to Foggia. In 1944 he had to his credit 213 night and 146 day flying hours. In Jan. 1945 he flew from Naples to Alexandria; in Feb. sailed to Scotland. From April to June was Navigation Instructor at Atness, Scotland. Returned to Australia in "Mauretania" via Pnanma, Pearl Harbour and Wellington, reaching Sydney 8/8/1945.

1950: Campbelltown.

CHAPMAN, Charles Percy. F/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1913 at Ballina.

Ed. Lismore High and Armidale Teachers' College.

In militia before the War. Volunteered for R.A.A.F. flying in May, 1940. From May to August 1942, after doing well at several schools, he was Second Pilot on sea and coastal patrol from Cape Howe to Brisbane. From Dec. 1942 to Sept. 1943 was Pilot on reconnaissance duties from Port Moresby and Milne Bay. Throughout 1944 was on general communications duties, especially radar calibration at Sydney, Brisbane, Tamworth, Darwin and Gulf country, Dutch New Guinea and Kimberely District. From Jan. to Sept. 1945 duties were aerial photography from 20,000 feet of railways, Great Australian Bight Coast, coast near the Leeuwin, Cnetral Australia and Cape York Peninsula. Flying time amounted to 1,495 hours.

1950: Reserve Creek, Murwillumbah.

CHAPPELL, Albert William. R.A.N.

B. 1919 at Abermain.

Ed. at Abermain, Cessnock High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Served Oct. 1942 to Feb., 1944 on H.M.A.S. "John Hardy" in seas off Queensland, and from March, 1944 to end of war on H.M.A.S. "Strachan" in S.W. Pacific.

1950: New Lambton.

CHARLTON, Allan. F/ Sgt. R.A.A.F.

B. 1919 at Weston.

Ed. Cessnock High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Served for 20 months as Instructor in A.I.F. units at Bathurst and Dubbo. Promoted Corporal. Transferred to R.A.A.F. in July, 1943 and served to Sept. 1945. Completed several courses - Wireless, Air-crew navigation, high altitude - creditably and was promoted to F/Sgt.

1950: Kurri Kurri.

CHATTAWAY, Francis. A.B. R.A. N.

Enlisted from Emu Park.

P. O. W.

+ CHICK, Laurence. F/O. R.A.A.F.

Trained at Narromine as a Pilot. Selected for Empire Training Scheme in Canada. Promoted Flying Officer and attached in England to R.A.F. Bomber Command, flying Halifax bombers. K.I.A. on his third flight over Germany, over Dusseldorf - 28th April, 1942, aged 29.

CLARE, William John. Sergeant A.I.F.

B. 1911 - Cheshire, England.

Ed. - Cheshire.

Sydney Teachers' College 1929-30.

Entered A.I.F. Camp at Bathurst, April, 1942. Overseas at and near Milne Bay from Nov. 1942 to Dec. 1943, where promoted Sergeant. Then, on account of high efficiency, appointed to A.I.F. training camps at Atherton, Singleton, Greta and Black Hill. Usual tropical service ailments.

1950: Headmaster of Bexhill.

+ CLARKE, George W. B.Sc. Corporal/Signaller 8th Div. Signallers. A.I.F.

Enlisted while a Lecturer at Armidale Teachers' College, in September, 1941.

"George was a fine soldier and a splendid pal; the going was hard, and, although he had tons of spirit, the body found it difficult".

Died of illness in Burma - 26/11/1943.

+ CLARKE, Arthur Henry. B.A. P/O R.A.A.F.

Sydney Boys' High School, Lithgow Scholar.

Teacher at Hurlstone Ag. High School.

Did well at Bombing and Air Gun Schools at Sale.

K. I. A. over Germany.

CLARKE, Kenneth. P/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1918. Ed. at Newcastle High School and Armidale

Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Medlow, March, 1941.

Trained in Canada. Served in England, Natal, India and Middle East. One of three brothers on Active Service.

K. I. A. at El Alamein.

CLARKE, Basil Woodbourne. B.Ec. C.S.M. Australian Post Operating Coy. A.I.F.

B. 1913 at Narromine.

Ed. at Bathurst High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Rejected in July, 1940, from enlistment as he was a Senior Undergraduate. In 1941 enlisted from Milton. From Dubbo Infantry Camp he was drafted to newly formed Docks Operating Coy. and trained in Melbourne in stevedoring. Promoted from Sapper to Cpl. and Sgt. and was the C.O.'s shipping N.C.O. in charge of allocating stevedoring gangs, and in "costing" of all the work for lend-lease. Transferred to Darwin and Townsville, where transferred to Docks Control Detachment, on "costing" of all military labour in Queensland posts and at break of gauge points. On similar duties at Cairns. Became a Stevedore Foreman. As C.S.M. at Morotai and Balikpapan from April to Dec. 1945, where he did additional work as Unit Education Officer.

1950: Singleton.

CLARKE, Geoffrey Charles. Lieutenant Malarial Control Unit. A.I.F.

B. 1915 at Willoughby.

Ed. Chatswood, N. Sydney High and Sydney Teachers' College.

After promotion to Sergeant in infantry training at Bathurst, enlisted in Malarial Control Unit; on survey work at Port Moresby, Finschhafer, Morotai, Labuan and various places in Borneo. Promoted Lieutenant at Morotai.

1950: D.H.M., Inverell.

CLARKE, James Creswell. Sgt. R.A.A.F.

B. 1918 at Newtown.

Ed. at Cleveland St., Sydney Tech. High and Teachers' College where he was President of Students' Council. Enlisted for Air Crew but on account of knee injury, was transferred to Wireless Maintenance as Mechanic. From July, 1942 to February, 1944, was at Port Moresby, Milne Bay, Goodenough Is. Trobiand and Woodlark Is. Took part in regaining Kokoda Trail, Bismarck Sea Battle, and cutting off Jap. barges supplying New Guinea and New Britian. In Feb. 1944, was posted to Radio Development and Installation Unit Laboratory in Melbourne; promoted Sergeant.

1950: Visual Education, Burwood.

CLARKE, Patrick. B.A. 7th Div. Engineer A.I.F.

B.1918 at Broken Hill.

Ed. at Broken Hill High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Enlisted Sept. 1940. In Middle East from April, 1941 to March, 1942. In Palestine and Syrian Campaign. In Owen Stanley and Ramu Valley Campaigns in 1942 and 1943.

1950: Penshurst.

CLAY, Raymond Amor. Sgt. R.A.A.F.

B. 1917 Auburn.

Armidale Teachers' College.

Joined R.A.A.F. in Sept. 1941. Gained top passed in various courses. Promoted from A.C.2 to L.A.C. and Sgt.

1950: Scone.

+ CLEARY, Leo Stanley T. Lance Corporal, 8th Division, Engineers, A.I.F.

B. 1916.

Ed. at De La Salle College and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Kangaroo Hills. Died as P.O.W. in Japan, 5/11/1943. A daughter was born on Christmas Day, 1941.

+ CLEMO, William Lindsay. P/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1915.

Ed. Echuca High School, trained Armidale Teachers' College. Enlisted Sept. 1940 from Wakool. Completed Air Training in Canada; received Wings, April, 1942, and was Staff Pilot at Montreal to December. In England, Jan., 1943. K. I. A.

CLERY, William Nicholas. F/Lt. R.A.A.F.

B. 1912 at Weston.

Ed. Weston, Maitland High and Sydney Teachers' College. From Dec. 1940 to March, 1942 in training centres. From March, 1942 to June, 1943 at Port Moresby. Promotions from A.C.2 to A.C.1, Leading Aircraftsman, Corporal, Sergeant, Pilot Officer and A/F./Lieut. Courses then in Administration and Intelligence followed by posting to Torokina, Bouganville, January to October, 1945. In Battles of Coral Sea, Owen Stanley, Bismarck Sea and Solomons.

1950: Kurri Kurri.

+ CLIFFORD Michael. Airman Pilot, R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Croydon Park. Served a year in Britian; recalled to Australia to be an Instructor, August, 1942. Killed in Aircraft accident at Wamberal, N.S.W. in Oct, 1942.

CLUNE, Arnold James. P/Sgt. R.A.A.F.

B. 1915 at Taree.

Ed. Taree and Armidale Teachers' College.

After doing fine work at four centres was promoted Aircrew Pilot. Transferred to Meteorological Branch and served at Darwin and Millimgimbi Is. Promoted Sgt. at Millingimbi.

1950: Wingham.

CLUNNE, John. F/Lt. R.A.A.F.

B. 1912 at Port Macquarie.

Ed. Sydney Tech. High and Teachers' College.

With 15 Squadron at Madang, Wewak, Biak, Morotai and Middleburg Is. on bombing raids and covering A.I.F. during Wewak invasion. Promoted P/O, F/O and F/Lt. From Dec. 1945 to March, 1946 on communication flights in Celebes, Phillipines and Dutch New Guinea.

1950: Lismore as Physical Education and National Fitness Adviser.

COATES, Graeme John. Sgt. R.A.A.F.

B. 1915 at Lismore.

Ed. at Lismore High and Sydney Teachers' College.

After six months training sailed to Singapore as Photographer in reconnaissance bomber over Malaya, Sumatra and Java. On last ship from Batavia in February, 1942. Posted to Photo Instruction Staff and then to Directorate of Equipment. Promotions from A.C.2 to Corporal and Sergeant.

1950: D.H.M. of Junee.

COHEN, Charles.Desmond. B.A.(Qld) Transport Driver A.A.M.C.

B. 1913 at Killara.

Ed. N. Sydney High, Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted 1941. Service to June, 1943.

COLE, John. Two Wars. R.N. and A.I.F.

Signals Instructor.

B. 1902 South Wales. Ed. in Pembrokeshire; Student Teacher.

First World War: Wireless operator on mine-sweepers.

Trained South Wales Training College. Awarded Teachers' Certificate. Arrived in Australia, 1929. Taught in N.S.W. three years. Tried farming in Vic. and Qld.

Enlisted at Gympie in 1939. Signals Instructor. Served in Middle East to March, 1942. With 1 Aust. Army Signals in Queensland. In campaigns with 25Bde. at Lae, Markham and Ramu Valleys and Shaggy Ridge. Re-entered N.S.W. teaching in Nov., 1945.

1953: H.M. of Garah.

+ COLEMAN, Bernard J. F/O. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Mosman.

K. I. A. Sept. 1942 while flying a "Typhoon" near Newcastle-on-Tyne.

COLES, Mervyn Lloyd. B.A. F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

B. 1921 at Broken Hill.

Ed. at Broken Hill P. and High Schools and Sydney Teachers' College.

Commenced in R.A.A.F. Air Crew January, 1943. Passed well through Initial Training School, Wireless Air Gunners' School, Bombing and Air Gunnery School, then appointed P/O and Staff Wireless Air Gunner. In 1944 was on Coastal Reconnaissance over Bass Strait; promoted F/O then on Heavy Bombers (Liberators) until end of war. In Aug., 1944 was attached to American Air Force and took part in ferrying and training work in and near New Guinea. Posted to Darwin with Australian Heavy Bombing Squadron; bombed the Celebes, Timor and enemy shipping. Continuously made long and daring flights. Posted south to help form No. 23 Squadron of Heavy Bomber Wing, R.A.F. Again from North Australia and Morotai bombed the Celeges, Borneo and enemy shipping; made most daring reconnaissances. Congratulated for outstnading work in immobilising air strips and enemy forces on the flank while the Island "hopping" from New Guinea to Phillipines continued. Supported 7th Div. Landings in Borneo, and maintained bombing over wide areas, especially by night to keep enemy from using his air strips. Promoted F/Lieutenant. Was Squadron Education Officer also.

1950: Lane Cove.

COLLINS, Leonard Clive. Capt. F/O. R.A.A.F.

In 1945 was Captain of a Catalina bringing back our P.O.W. from Singapore.

+ COLMAN, Samuel Francis. Sgt. 9 Field Regt.
Accidentally killed, motor accident near Morpeth - Sept., 1943.

COLNAN, Eugene John. B.A. Corporal. A.I.F.
B. 1911 at Woodburn. Sydney Teachers' College.
Retained as instructor at Training Camps. Served a year at Darwin.
1950: Padstow Park.

CONDON, Stanley Joseph. B.Ec. Lt. 2/5th Bn. A.I.F.
B. 1910 at Mudgee.
Ed. at St. Stanislaus College, Bathurst and Sydney Teachers' College and University.
Enlisted in 1941. Served in New Guinea at Wau and Solomans in 1943, and at Aitape in 1945. Promotions were from Private to Lieutenant.

CONDRAN, Ernest Thomas. 2/31 Bn. A.I.F.
B. 1920 at Cessnock.
Ed. at Cessnock High and Armidale Teachers' College.
Infantry training at Bathurst and Cowra, and Jungle Training at Canungra and N. Queensland. In campaigns of Lae, Markham and Ramu Valleys, and in Borneo.
1950: M.T. Instructor at Yasmar Welfare School.

CONNELL, John D.'Arcy. B.A. Lt. 2/13 Bn. A.I.F.
B. 1920 at Silverton.
Ed. Broken Hill, Sydney Teachers' College and University.
Selected from Dubbo Training Camp to attend Officers' School. Became Training Officer in Jungle Warfare; and then Platoon Commander with 2/13 Bn. for invasion of West Borneo. Post-War: Captain, University Regt. 1951.
1953: Headmaster, Old Guildford.

CONNELL, Vivian. B.A. Navigator. R.A.A.F.
B. 1919 at Bondi.
Ed. at Bathurst, Broken Hill and Sydney Teachers College.
After training in N.S.W. was posted to Canada for

Navigator Training at Portage-la-Prairie. In England in June, 1943. In 27 raids over Kiel Bay, Gironde Estuary, Germany and North Sea. From an attack on Ruhr Valley only Connell and another escaped from a crash; they were hidden in Brabant by monastery brothers and passed by "Underground" to Breda and Antwerp. Arrested near Antwerp by Germans and sent to Siberia; they saw the last days of the 3rd Reich, being "liberated" by Russians in May, 1945, and rescued in June by Themercians.

1950: Paddington.

CONNELLY, Jack Francis. B.A. F/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1909 at Sydney.

Ed. Marist Bros. High, Darlinghurst, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

On completion of Antro-Navigation Course in Canada gained Air Observer's Badge. In England in July, 1941. After several raids was shot down over enemy territory in April 1942. Baled out and captured. P.O.W. in Germany and Poland. Liberated by British in April, 1945. Given position as Interpreter at Australian Government Exhibition in Paris, June to Sept., 1948.

1950: North Sydney High School.

+ CONNOLLY, Darrell O. F/O. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Boree Creek, 1942 in Mustang Air Crew as A.C.2. Promoted L.A.C. Trained in Canada, 1943. Gained top place in Bomb Aiming School. Promoted Bomb Aimer and F/O. In 30 raids over Germany.

K. I. A. over Germany late in 1944.

+ CONNORS, Leslie J.

Enlisted from Newcastle Tech. High School.

K. I. A. (Missing.)

COOK, Finlay Vincent. B.A. Gunner, Artillery A.I.F.

B. 1908 at Drummoyne.

Ed. Sydney High, Teachers' College and University.
From June, 1943 was in New Guinea. In November, 1944 moved to Bougainville, where his unit had six months continuous fron t line service, until V.P. Day.
Wounded in both hands. Was offered promotion, but refused it.
1950: Sydney Tech. High.

+ COOK, GEORGE R. Captain, 8 Div. A.A.S.C.
Enlisted from Cooerwull. On outbreak of war he became a Voluntary Defence Officer. Then enlisted in A.I.F.
Won rapid promotion. Captured at Singapore. Muredred by Japs on ~eath March from Sandakan to Ranau.
"A Splendid, conscientious officer, always a gentleman!" C.O.
Left widow and three young children.

COOKE, Thomas Vincent. B.A. L.A.C. Radar Operator R.A.A.F.
B. 1918 at Brisbane.
Ed. at Brisbane, Newcastle High and Sydney Teachers' College. and University.
Had two periods of service in New Guinea, amonnting to 14 months, and also in the Gulf country of Queensland.
In hospital for four months in New Guinea with back operation. While overseas he wrote three theses for Class I Teacher; these were accepted.
1950: Headmaster, Yanco.

COOKE William John. B.A. L.A.C., R.A.A.F.
B. 1915 at Marrickville.
Ed. at Canterbury High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.
After training as Wireless and Radar was with a R.A.F. Spitfire Sqdn. at Darwin for a year prior to Japanese surrender.
1950: N. Sydney Boys' High and Teachers' College.

+ COOMBE, Herbert Keith. F/Sgt. R.A.A.F.

B. 1914 at Broken Hill.

Enlisted from Sydney Teachers' College.

Trained as Wireless Air Gunner in Australia and England.

Made 23 flights over enemy territory. His plane was shot down on his 22nd. flight, but he escaped uninjured. On his 23rd. flight he was K. I. A.

COOPER, Henry Arthur. Corporal R.A. Engineers A.I.F.

B. 1914 at Tenterfield.

Ed. at Armidale High, Hawkesbury Agr. College and after five years learning the building trade at Armidale Teachers' College, served with 1st Armoured Div. in N.S.W., Vic., and W.A. Illness in 1944 led to a reclassification as "B" Class. Transferred to Army Education Service at Yaralla Hospital until discharge.

1950: Mount Russell.

+ COOPER, William John. W/O R.A.A.F.

B. 1919.

Ed. Parkes and Forbes High Schools. Trained at Armidale Teachers' College. Enlisted from Parkes, August, 1941. Air training in Australia and Rhodesia. While flying in violent monsoon on a raid over Burma, he disappeared. Probably crashed into sea near Ganges Delta. "A first-class Solo Flyer". K. I. A.

COPLEY, Ronald. M.A. Sheffield. Captain, Royal Pioneer Corps.

With British Forces, Second in Command of Coy. Took aprt in Montgomery's Normandy Campaign. This unit formed part of Montgomery's 25th Army Group and took part in the Normandy campaign of 1944. It was a Railway Construction Unit and found a great deal to do in that particular line in places like Caen and later, Boulogne and Calais. It was however, quite versatile in its capacities and operated equally successfully on the famous pipe line that ran right from the Channel through Belgium and Holland to the German frontier. This pipe line pumped fuel from England practically to the fighting front. When the War

ended it was located near Munster, and engaged in general duties. Some of these brought it into touch with the vexed problem of the Displaced Person population - Germany was full of foreigners of every nationality who had been used as 'slave labour' and their repatriation went on throughout 1945.

Appointments in N.S.W. - R andwick and Murwillumbah High Schools.

+ CORKHILL, Charles W. F/Sergeant R.A.A.F.

Attached to R.A.F. in England as Navigator. Missing after an attack on Fresian Islands - December, 1943. Place of death unknown.

Enlisted from Cleveland St.

K. I. A. (Missing)

CORNELL, Arthur Samuel. B.Sc. (Agr.) F/Lt. R.A.A.F.

B. 1914 at Sydney.

Ed. Canterbury High, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Enlisted in R.A.A.F. in Dec., 1941., Promoted from A.C.2 to L.A.C.andP/O. Lectured for six months at Bradfield on Navigation and Meteorology; posted to Narrandera on same work and also on Principles of Flight. Promoted F/O and F/Lt. Was Acting Chief Ground Instructor in charge of 800 trainees and 29 instructors. In 1945 in similar position at Temora until posting to Nhill, where he and F/Lt. Cole established and conducted a Lecture Technique Course where Navigators were trained as instructors. On conclusion of Pacific War posted to R.A.A.F. Hqrs. to write a Manual on Map Reading for permanent R.A.A.F. training; then in charge of R.A.A.F. Correspondence Course until Feb., 1946. Received a letter of appreciation from Chief of Air Staff.

1950: Lecturer in Biology at Wagga Teachers' College.

CORNFORD, Harold Walter.

In First World War at 14. V. entry for the Kaiser's War.

COX, Cecil James. D.F.C. F/Lt. R.A.A.F.

B. 1914 at Mackay, Queensland.

Ed. Newcastle High and Sydney Teachers' College.
After Air Crew training in N.S.W. was posted to Canada as L.A.C. Did bombing and gunning courses in Saskatchewan and Air Observer's and Navigation courses at Portage-la-Prairie. Posted to Scotland as P/O and after further training in Scotland and England was promoted F/O. Took part in 30 bombing operations over Germany, Poland, Norway, Holland and France and won D.F.C. "Flying Officer Cox has completed numerous dangerous operations against the enemy, in the course of which he has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty."
Posted as Instructor to Heavy Conversion Unit in Lincolnshire; then to British Air Ministry as Lecturer in charge of Bombing Analysis at R.A.F. Empire Air Armament School. Promoted F/Lt.
1950: Headmaster, Taralga.

COX, JOHN STANLEY. F/O. R.A.A.F.
B. 1919 at Goulburn.
Ed. at Goulburn High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.
After Navigator training in Australia at Edmonton and P. Edward Is; Canada. In England from Sept. 1943 to July, 1944. Promoted through all ranks to F/O. From Aug. to Dec. 1944, was in 53 Squadron ar Reijkjavik in Iceland; then at Ballykelly in N. Ireland, and with 179 Squadron in Cornwall. Was Navigator on many convoy patrols, anti-submarine attacks, and general bombing raids; and instructor in Long Range Navigation.
1950: Parramatta West.

CRAGO, Edward Albury. B.Sc. F/Lt. R.A.A.F.
B. 1911 at Yass.
Ed. at Yass, Fort St., Sydney Teachers' College and University.
Served from Sept. 1940 to Nov. 1945 at Bradfield Park, Recruiting Centre at Woolloomooloo, and on Medical Rehabilitation at Jervis Bay.
1950: Lecturer, Newcastle Teachers' College.

CRAIG, Donald Matthew. Lieut. 1st A. Field Regt. and Education Service, A.I.F.
B. 1913 at Merewether.

Ed. at Newcastle High and Sydney Teachers' College. Enlisted June, 1941. In Palestine from Nov., 1941 to March, 1942: then in Ceylon for five months. From Sept., 1942 to Dec., 1943 was in New Guinea battles, mainly Buna-Gona Campaigns. Following tropical jungle ailments was placed on "B" classification. Was Education Officer at several centres and from Sept., to Dec., 1945 was on similar work in Singapore. 1950: Headmaster, Lake Cargelligo.

+ CRAWFORD, Byron Donald. Lieut. 2/19 Bn. A.I.F.

Enlisted from Stanmore.

Reported wounded and missing, Malaya, January, 1942. Presumed dead. K. I. A. (Missing).

(Always called John in the Battalion.)

"His platoon was as tough a bunch as ever sailed in the A.I.F. They were mainly from Riverina. Because of his deep, cultured voice, he was affectionately nicknamed" Lord Haw-Haw". On Muar River John's coolness and magnificient bravery won him the admiration of his platoon and the whole company. His men would follow him anywhere. In the terrific Battle of Parit Sulong (famous in "Grim Glory" by Gilbert Mant) the Battalion was su rounded for five days and hammered by the Imperial Jap. Guards Division. On the 4th day John Crawford was crippled by a bullet in his ankle. It certainly appeared that the 5th night would be our last. John asked permission of his C.O. to die with his men. His men dug him a fox-hole and carried him like a baby from the ambulance to the advanced firing line. On the 6th day Colonel Anderson, V.C., allowed the men to make their own way back to safety at Yong Peng, 28 miles to the rear. Although his men wanted to carry John back he knew that the effort through dense jungle would be superhuman, and he refused to allow it. Sadly they carried him back to the ambulance, where with scores of wounded men, he was brutally murdered by the Imperial Guards."

(The above was written by the only N.C.O. of his platoon to escape after taking 80 hours to reach Yong Peng.)

CRAWFORD, John Alwyn. 2/17 Bn. A.I.F.

B. 1920 at Cessnock.

Ed. at Cessnock High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted 2/9/41. In Middle East from Nov., 1941 to January 1943., in New Guinea from June, 1943 to Jan., 1944, and in Borneo from June, 1945 to Jan., 1946. In Battles of Alamein, Lae and Finochhafer Landings, and Brunei Bay Landings in Borneo. Brother of Richard R. Crawford.

1950: Muttama.

CRAWFORD, John Campbell. Corporal, Workshops Units, A.I.F.

B. 1910 at Mona Vale.

Ed. at Central Tech., Ultime and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted June, 1940, but was rejected; enlisted again in Sept., 1941. Served with various workshops units and Education Service as Fitter; promoted Corporal. Served in New Guinea for eight months and in New Britian for six.

1950: M.T.Teacher at Broken Hill High.

CRAWFORD, Richard R. R. A. A. F.

Enlisted and tried repeatedly to go overseas, but Headquarters required his services as Specialist and Instructor in Australia.

1955: H.M. Homeville.

CRISPIN, Ernest Lawrence. 2/4 Bn. A.I.F. and Navigator and Pathfinder, R.A.A.F.

B. 1914 at Wollongong.

Ed. at Wollongong High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted October, 1939; embarked in "Strathnaver" with first contingent to leave Australia. Served in Palestine and was in heavy Italian bombing raid; then in Egypt, Libya, Greece, Crete, and Syria. Took part in Battles of Bardia, Tobruk, Derna, Benghazi, Athens, Florina on Jugo-Slav border, Mt. Olympus, Suda Bay and Heraklion (Crete). Evacuated by Royal Navy from Athens and Crete after the successful resistance to German Airborne invasion.

On return to Australia transferred to R.A.A.F. Aircrew to become Navigator. Trained in Canada at Edmonton, Banff, Quebec and Halifax, and then in England. Took part in nine Heavy Bomber raids as Navigator over Germany, Merseberg, Nurnberg, Hanover, Hanau, Munich, Merseberg, Zeitz, Wiesbaker and Bottrop. In Feb., 1945 transferred to 156 Squadron, R.A.F. Pathfinders. The Pathfinders consisted entirely of volunteers; their function was to locate and mark the target with flares accurately for the oncoming Bombers. Took part in 13 raids with Pathfinders over German targets, including Cologne, Hamburg, Nurnburg, Kiel and Postdam, and was awarded the Pathfinder Badge, received by very few.

1950: Coniston.

+ CRITTENDEN, Kenneth Alphonsus. Corporal 2/19 Bn. A.I.F.

B. 1916 at Taree.

Ed. at Marist Bros. High, Maitland and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Beargamil.

In Malaya in February, 1941. K. I. A. January, 1942, at Muar. Ken was called in camp "One of the PARKES boys." He was a fine footballer and a noted Humorist. "Everybody in Parkes was Ken's friend."

+ CROWTHER, Alister D.

Enlisted from Camperdown.

CROLL, Denys James. F.A. Ordinary Seaman R.A.N.

Enlisted for overseas in December, 1941, but was discharged medi ally unfit, April, 1942.

B. 1913 at Belfast, Ireland.

CULLEN, Moutrie William Atkin. Staff Sergeant, Training Cadres, A.I.F.

B. 1906 at Moss Vale.

Ed. Goulburn High and Sydney Teachers' College, and Tech. College.

Enlisted February, 1942. Became expert in Jungle and Paratroop warfares. On Hqrs. at Darwin after being Sergeant Instructor at Canungra. Promoted Staff Sergeant.

1950: Homebush.

CUMMING, Gordon Ross. Captain 1st Aust. Armd. Regt.

B. 1909 at Toowoomba.

Ed. at Townsville High, Sydney Tech. High and Teachers' College.

War service from October, 1939 to January, 1946. Promoted from N.C.O. to Lieut and Captain; was Troop Leader, Adjutant and Intelligence Officer in 1 Aust. Armd. Regt. and Acting Staff Officer in 3 Tonk Bde. Served in New Guinea with Matilda Tanks. Appointed Instructor in Army Tank Training and Adjutant and Instructor in 4 Australian Armd. Bde. in Jungle Warfare at Canungra. Was O/C 1 A. A. Regt. in Invasion of Balikpapan, with Matilda Tanks. On conclusion of war he organised and commanded in Borneo the 7 Div. Demobilisation Unit.

1950: H.M. Hannam Vale.

CUMMINS, James Thomas. B.A. Sgt. R.A.A.F.

B. 1912 at Crookwell.

Ed. St. Patrick's, Goulburn, Armidale Teachers' College.

Three years with R.A.A.F. as Instructor in Air Guns, Wireless and Radar. Promoted from Air Crew to Segt. "A fine fellow and highly capable as Instructor". Retained in Australia.

1953: H.M. Coolah.

+ CUNNINGHAM, William Alexander. Sgt. R.A.A.F.

B. 1922.

Enlisted while a student at Armidale Teachers' College, February, 1943. Became a Wireless Operator and Air Gunner. Killed on an operational flight over Abbeville, Northern France, 2nd February, 1945.

CURRY, John William Lawrence. B.A., Dip. Ed.

Sgt. A.A. Bty., A.I.F.

B. 1922.

Ed. Marist Bros, Hamilton, N.S.W., Sydney Teachers' College and University. Enlisted University Regt. 1940.

Service in N. Queensland and New Guinea.

1950: Penrith High.

CUSICK, Owen R.

DADD, Frederick Ernest. Sgt. Light Anti-aircraft Regt. Lieutenant. R.A.N.

B. 1913 at Quirindi.

Ed. at Bowral High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted May, 1940 as Gunner; promoted Bombardier and Sergeant. In Middle East from June, 1941 to March, 1942. In Darwin April to August, 1942. Transferred as Ordinary Seaman to R.A.N. Reserve. Promoted Sub-Lieut. in March, 1943 and Lieut in Dec., 1943. Then served on H.M.A.S. "Kanimbla", "Manoora", and "Wadang". Was Assistant Beachmaster in "Kanimbla" and "Maroona", and was Beachmaster in Naval Beach Commando at Tarakan and Balikpapan. "A splendid instructor in both Army and Navy."

1950: H.M. South Gundagai.

D'ARCY, Percy John. F/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1914 at Inverell.

Ed. Gilgai, Inverell and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted January, 1942 in R.A.A.F. Promoted Pilot; posted to Canada, and was re-mustered Navigation Bombardier. Came first in Navigator's Course in Quebec - a high distinction. Came high in Instructor's Course in Manitoba, and posted to Ontario as Navigation and Bombing Instructor, and thence to Vancouver and Calgary. Appointed Instructor to Staff Navigator School. Discharged in Australia, August, 1945.

1953: Headmaster, Narrabri West.

DARKE, Roy Harry. B.A. F/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1923 at Malabar.

Ed. at Parramatta High, Sydney Teachers' College and University. After training in Australia was posted to Canada. Came top of his Navigator Course at Edmonton and received Commission. In England was in the only Australian Night Flying Squadron - City of Brisbane Sqdn. - using Mosquito Planes. Took part in air defence of Britian, patrols over North Sea an d raids over Germany. Promoted F/O.

1950: Kogarah I. H. School.

+ DARKEN, Raymond. L.A.C. R.A.A.F.

B. 1917.

Ed. at Parkes and Forbes High Schools and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Ballengarra, March, 1941. Son of an Anzac. An outstanding athlete in several fields; won High Schools Silver Cup for Cricket, and was broad and high jump Champion. At Bradfield R.A.A.F. Camp he won middle weight boxing Competition. Completed Air Training in Canada. Attached to R.A.F. Lancaster Bombers. K. I. A. over Germany, 1/4/43.

DAVENPORT, Leslie G. H.D.A. F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted when Deputy Headmaster, South Goulburn. Selected for training in Administration and Special Duties. Promoted P/O and posted for Navigation Instructor's Course; then Education Officer; after topping the list at Adelaide in Aptitude Testing Duties, at Victor Harbour. Established special remedial vocational training courses for disabled airmen at South Australia Rehabilitation Centre. Received commendation for "evolving basic plans for co-ordination of medical, vocational, and physio-therapy activities, which were adopted at all R.A.A.F. Rehabilitation Centres." Appointed a Member of the South Australian Board for disabled airmen. Posted to Morotai as Wing Education Officer, with a special additional assignment as Liaison Officer with United States Intelligence Services in Morotai and Phillippines. With his Unit he was active in preparations and operations in North Borneo, on Headquarters Staff of Airfield Construction Wing. Promoted Flight Lieutenant. Organised courses for men in Borneo awaiting repatriation. He was the last of his Unit to leave Borneo. His work and special training methods with the disabled came under notice of Americans and then United Nations officers, and his services, after his discharge and resumption of teaching, were sought by Geneva Hqrs. of International Refugee Oranization to establish a similar programme

in Europe. Granted leave by our Department, he controlled for three years the Rehabilitation and Vocational Training programmes in the United States Zone of Germany, in which he had much contact with Germans, Austrians and Italians.

1955: D.H.M. Arncliffe.

While D.H.M. of Blakehurst he was recalled by United Nations to special duties in Germany ans was there 1949 to 1951.

DAVEY, Stanley Edward. Driver — A.A.S.C. Heavy Transport.

Enlisted May, 1940 from Lakemba. Sailed overseas in June, 1941. In Middle East. Returned 31/3/42. "Queen Mary". 18 months in N. Territory. Landing at Labuan in Borneo.

DAVIES, Harold George. F/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1905 at Boulder City, W.A.

Ed. St. Joseph's Hunters Hill, Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted August, 1940 in 17th Bn. Discharged Medically Unfit. Re-enlisted. For two years was in charge of "D" Flight, 35 Squadron Air Training Corps. Promoted from A.C.1 to P/O.

1950: H.M. Ettalong.

DAVIES, Ronald Eric. F/O. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Martindale. Wounded. Served from Oct., 1940 to Sept., 1945. Trained as Wireless Operator, Bomb Aimer, Air Gunner and Navigator. Served in 12 and 22 Squadrons and in Communication Units from Darwin and New Guinea. Promoted all steps to F/O. Was Instructor in Navigation at Ballarat and Mt. Gambier.

1954: Dulwich Hill.

DAVIES, Wilfred. F/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1911 in Shropshire.

Ed. at Newcastle High and Sydney Teachers' College.

In Australia was promoted from A.C.2 to L.A.C. and Sergeant, and awarded Air Observer's Badge. After further training in Canada was promoted F/Sgt. and in Britian was promoted W/O. P/O., and F/O. Was Navigator on patrols over North Atlantic, Bay of Biscay, from North Ireland, Wales and Devon. In June, 1944 navigated a Wellington Bomber which sank a big

hours, beingin operations against enemy. In December, 1945 he received a letter of appreciation for services from Hqrs. R.A.A.F. During voyage home was Ship Education Officer.

1950: Waratah.

DAVIS, Alfred,Jack. F/O. R.A.A.F.

Served as a Specialist Meteorological Officer in Australia and New Guinea.

Resigned.

DAVIS, Anthony Joseph. F/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1917 at Coonamble.

Ed. at Coonamble and Armidale Teachers' College.

In March, 1944 was mobilised from R.A.A.F. Reserve. Did well in Pilots' Course and Kittyhawk Interceptor Fighting Squadron Course. Promoted through all grades to F/O. Operational service from N. Queensland, Dutch New Guinea and S.W. Pacific. Prior to Discharge in Aug. 1946 was Deputy Area Education Officer, Brisbane.

1951: Hurstville.

+ DAVIS, James Neville. L.A.C. Sgt. Pilot R.A.A.F.

B. 1925 at Tamworth.

Enlisted as a Student from Armidale Teachers' College. Holder of Life Saving Awards - Bronze and First Class Instructor's. Took part in many operational flights over Bass St., Tasman Sea and Coral Sea on submarine patrol and convoy work. Lost his life in Air Crash near Milne Bay, aged 20. 11/9/1945.

"Short life he lived,
But in that short most greatly lived."

DEAN, Cyril James. F/Lt. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted in A.I.F. in 1941; served in N.S.W. and W.A. with Armoured Division. Enlisted in R.A.A.F. in Sept., 1942, and, after three courses, received commission in May, 1943. Gained high places in Gunnery Leaders' Course and Torpedo . . .

Training Course. Served with 100 Sqdn. in New Guinea, on Test and Ferry Flights at Richmond and as Instructor at Tocumwal. Promoted F/Lt. Engaged after Jap. defeat in and near Phillippines conveying Prisoners of War.

1950: Murwillumbah.

DEAN, Walter Robert. B.Ec. Sergeant. R.A.A.F.

B. 1913 Sydney.

Ed. Rockdale, Tempe Tech. High, Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted 1940. Promotions - Fitter (Air Frames), A.C.1, L.A.C., Corporal, Sergeant. Was retained as Sergeant Instructor.

1950: Telopea Park.

DEBENHAM, Trevor Clifford. W/O. Navigator, Aircrew, R.A.A.F. (Son of Teacher).

Enlisted July, 1942 in R.A.A.F. Trained as Navigator, Wireless Operator and Air Gunner. Promotions all steps to Sgt. From Townsville Hqrs. he was on flights carrying men and equipment to all centres in British and Dutch New Guinea, New Britian ans islands to east and North of New Guinea and New Britian. Promoted W/O. Served in all mainland States of Australia.

1954: Hazelgrove.

DELBRIDGE, Walter Sydney. Sgt/Pilot R.A.A.F.

Ed. at Wollongong High and Sydney Teachers' College.(1938-9)

In Aug. 1941 enlisted in R.A.A.F. Reserve; in April, 1942 called up for active service. Promoted Sgt/Pilot in Feb., 1943. In July, 1944 posted to Townsville to 82 Sqdn. of Kittyhawks and flew via Port Moresby to Noemfoor Island in Dutch New Guinea. Several attacks on enemy positions in Vogelkop Peninsula and barges. In April and May, 1945 on similar duties in Halmahera Group, based in Morotai. In July supported A.I.F. in landings in Borneo. Total flying hours - 815. "A very capable pilot; an admirable Instructor, with plenty of initiative, and a splendid influence generally."

1950: Unanderra.

DELVES, Ronald. Able Seaman, R.A.N.

B. 1921 at Taree.

Ed. at Taree High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted in R.A.N. in April, 1942, as Ordinary Seaman, qualified as a submarine detector and promoted Able Seaman. Engaged mainly in maintenance of anti-submarine detection sets for any ship. Was in enemy night bombing attacks at Milne Bay and Port Moresby, and in enemy dive bombing attack at Oro Bay. Received Good Conduct Badge on discharge.

1950: Dungarubba (Lismore).

DENHAM, Jack. B.A. Navigation Instructor, R.A.A.F.

B. 1919 at Port Macquarie.

Ed. Fort St. High, Armidale Teachers' College and Sydney University.

After graduating as Navigator in Canada at Portage-la-Prairie was retained for two years in Quebed as a Navigation Instructor.

1950: Assistant Supervisor of Physical Training.

DENNERLEY, John H. Med. Orderly 2/1 Aust. Base Workshop.

B. 1903 in Cheshire. Ed. Kempsey High, Sydney Teachers' College.

In 1941 was with unit in Egypt. Army Education Officer in 1944-45. In Toowoomba Hospital form April, 1945 to discharge in June.

1953: H.M. Jamberoo.

DICK, Charles. Sergeant 2/13 Bn. A.I.F.

Nine months in Tobruk, promoted all steps to Sgt.; recommended by C.O. for gallantry. Splendid work at El Alamein. In two New Guinea and Bornes Campaigns. Very popular as a singer. 6ft. 3ins tall.

In 1950 was very ill as a Result of war Service.

DICKER, Ernest Clifford. Corporal R.A.A.F.

B. 1915 at Ashfield.

Ed. at Ashfield, Ultimo J.T.School, Sydney Tech. High and Teachers' College.

On enlistment in June, 1942 trained as a Wireless Maintenance Mechanic. Served with Fighter Section in Queensland in 1943; promoted L.A.C. and Corporal. From January, 1944 to end of May, 1945 was with Radio Installation and Maintenance at Milne Bay, Goodenough Is., Madang and Aitape; had charge of Installation of landlines and telephones at Goodenough and Madang.

1950: M.T. Teacher at Newtown Sec. Dem. School.

DICKSON, George Douglas. Artillery Signaller
1st Australian Field Regiment, A.I.F.

B. 1911 at Murwillumbah.

Ed. at Yanco Ag. High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Served in Darwin area from June, 1943 to June, 1945. Came top of Signallers' School and received "Distinguished Pass". Received letter of appreciation from G.O.C. Northern Territory.

1950: H.M. Coutt's Crossing.

DILL, Edgar Ronald. Captain, Staff Pilot R.A.A.F.

B. 1918 at Frederickton.

Ed. at Wauchope, Kempsey High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted in Nov., 1941 in Air Crew. After courses at four centres received his Wings and Commission, 1942 and became Staff Pilot at Cootamundra and Ballarat. Served at Rathmines and Point Cook. On completion of Captain's Courses was with 11 and 43 Squadrons and after Jap. surrender did considerable flying on ferry, courier and evacuation duties.

1950: Dem. School, Balmain.

DILLEY, Ronald James. F/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1920 at W. Maitland.

Ed. at Maitland High and Armidale Teachers' College.

After postings in Australia, continued in Canada, Scotland and England. Promoted through all stages to F/O. Took part in 32 operations over Germany and occupied Europe.

1950: Maitland.

DILLON, Kevin Alfred. F/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1918 at Manildra.

Ed. at St. Joseph's College, Hunters Hill; trained at Armidale Teachers' College.

Entered R.A.A.F. in October, 1942; promoted through all stages to Commission as a Navigator, Bomb-aimer, and posted to Canada in August, 1943; and England in January, 1944. Promoted F/O. On account of knee injury was posted to Australia in Nov., 1944 and after nine months hospital treatment was discharged as medically unfit.

"Kevin was a tip-top footballer at school and in the R.A.A.F.

1950: Haberfield Dem. School.

DOBSON, Robert Henry James. B.Sc. F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

B. 1910 at Sydney.

Ed. at Canterbury High and Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Service in Australia from Aug. 1941 to June, 1942; overseas to Oct., 1946. Promoted P/O in May, 1942 as Navigator. Went to England in June for further training as Navigator Radar in preparation for night fighting. Posted to 456 Sqdn. R.A.A.F. in June, 1943. During 30 tours over North Sea and enemy territory, he and his Pilot destroyed two enemy aircraft and shot down nine flying bombs - the highest score of flying bombs destroyed by a R.A.A.F. plane. Promoted F/ Navigator in Nov., 1943 and F.Lt. in May, 1944. On completion of tour in Jan., 1945, posted to R.A.F. Research, and was Technical Advisor for instructional films on radar in night fighters. At end of war, returned to R.A.A.F. Hqrs. to compile and record data on operations of R.A.A.F. Fighter Squadrons for Official Historian.

1950: Mudgee High School.

+ DODDS, John Reginald. D.F.C. F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

B. 1917. Ed. at Kempsey High School and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Barker's Vale.

as a F/Sgt. he received the Gold Caterpillar for baling out of a crashing plane - December, 1942.

In April, 1943 he completed a tour of 30 Operational Flights over enemy territory with Lancaster Bombers; 17 of these flights were "G for George" Squadron. In Feb., 1944 he volunteered with R.A.A.F. Pathfinders Squadron; on his 11th Flight over Germany with this Squadron he was killed in Action over Friedrichhafer, 28/4/1944. His D.F.C. was awarded for "invariably high skill, fortitude and devotion to duty."

DOHERTY, John. Sergeant.

Enlisted from Camdenville.

In Hospital with sand-fly fever and pneumonia.

DONAGHUE, Colin Dearnley. F/Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Running Stream.

Air Bomber on Lancaster plane. Shot down over France; bailed out; captured by Germans - 26/12/1944.

Released at end of War.

+ DONOHUE, James Thomas. P/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1920.

Ed. at Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah High Schools.

Trained at Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Three Bridges in June, 1941. Killed in aircraft accident near Berwick on Scottish of Border, - 10/11/1942.

DONNELLY, Thomas Joseph. F/O. R.A.A.F. and R.C.A.F.

B. 1920 at Murwillumbah.

Ed. at Mullumbimby, Waverley and Sydney Teachers' College.

While in Teachers' College he joined R.A.N. Reserve and trained as Wireless Telegraphist. In 1942 joined R.A.A.F. Completed training as Navigator, Bomb-aimer and Bombing Instructor in Canada. Attached as F/O to R. Canadian Air Force to instruct in theory and practice of bombing and aerial gunnery. Selected by R.C.A.F. as Educational Officer, setting examinations relating to bombing, aerial gunnery and allied

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subjects. Then engaged on esperimental bombing and development and testing of new types of bombs, fuses, etc.

1950: Balmain Dem. School.

DOOLEY, Alan. B.A. Dip. Ed. Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.

B. 1920 at Orange.

Ed. at Canterbury High, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Served in H.M.A.S.'s "Leeuwin", "Castlemaine" and "Mulcra", from May, 1942 to January, 1946.

1953: Broken Hill High School.

DOOLEY, John Harold. B.Ec. Warrant Officer A.A.S.C. attached to Motor Ambulance Convoy.

B. 1902 - Sydney.

Ed. Sydney Tech. High and University. Became a trained Teacher in New Zealand before commencing teaching in N.S.W. in 1926.

In 1928 he became a club-trained pilot of aircraft, flew single-engined Moth over Blue Mtns several times; crashed but flew again. Enlisted from Crown Street in March, 1941. Promoted rapidly L/Cpl., Cpl, Sgt, W/O. Sailed for Singapore. At the end of April he had charge of a section in North Malaya, looking after evacuations from 30th Bn. He found and had three spies arrested; they were working f in an Army Club. Placed in charge of five motor ambulances and two trucks to move sick and wounded, nurses and hospital staff, southward. Complimented by General for efficiency and devotion evinced throughout Malaya Campaign.

As senior N.C.O. in a p.o.w. group of 200, he was such a splendid influence in protecting men from beri-beri, dengue, dysentry and debility that senior British officers visited his lines to observe his methods. Later he continued his good work on Siam Railway, where conditions and barbarous treatment ensued many deaths. W/O Dooley was paralysed a fortnight after a beating by a Jap. Sergeant. (This Jap was tried later and punished). Taken by Air from Malaya to Japan, where all P.O.W. suffered from cold, starvation and

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**MAN IN THE PUBLIC EYE**

# Our Atomic Defender

MAJOR-GENERAL IVAN NOEL DOUGHERTY.

Like most truly successful see the whole picture and leave

degradation.

1950: Penrith.

DOUGHERTY, Ivan Noel. B.Ec. C.B.E., D.S.O., and Bar, E.D.
Brigadier - General. M.I.D. Three Times.

B. 1907 at Leadville.

Ed. at Mudgee High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.
In Sydney University Regt. from 1926 to 1932. Promoted Lieut. in 1927 and Captain 1931. In Dec., 1934 transferred to 33rd Bn. at Armidale. Promoted Major in 1938 and Lt.Col. in 1939.

In October, 1939 enlisted in A.I.F. as Major. Was Second in Command of 2/2 Bn. Sailed with first convoy to Middle East 10/1/1940. Appointed as Lt. Colonel to command 2/4 Bn. in August, 1940 and commanded this Bn. through campaigns of Western Desert, in the first advance to Benghasi, in Greece and Crete until its return to Australia in March, 1942. Won D.S.O. for work in Desert Campaign (Citation below).

In March, 1942 was promoted Brigadier and appointed to command 23rd Inf. Bde. in Northern Territory. In October, 1942 was transferred to command 21st Inf. Bde. in New Guinea; he commanded this Brigade in Battle of Gona, and won a Bar to D.S.O. (Citation below). After fall of Gona and destruction of Japs to the west he took command of several isolated and surrounded units and detachments behind the Jap. lines on Sanandra Road; his Hqrs were in the "Huggins" Road Block. He continued in command of the brigade in the Markham and Rame Valleys and the Finisterre Campaigns; and then in the Borneo Campaign. For his work in Borneo he was created a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. (Citation below).

Brigadier Dougherty accompanied the American Force which assaulted and captured Morotai Island in 1944; he landed with one of the assault brigades and remained for three days as an observer before returning to his own brigade.

After the Jap. surrender he was sent to Macassar in the Celebes to take command of the South-west Peninsula of that island,

with 3,000,000 inhabitants. In this he had a four-fold task. (i) To assist and evacuate all Allied Prisoners of War and internees.

(ii) To disarm and concentrate the Japanese, (numbering about 18,000, services and civilians). These Japs were conducting the whole of the civil administration of the country.

(iii) To do what he could to relieve the civil population.

(iv) To take all steps he could to re-establish the lawful government of the country.

After about six weeks at Macassar he returned to Borneo and administered Command of 7th Australian Division and all troops in Dutch Borneo, until late in December when he returned to Australia. As commander of 7th Division he was responsible for the maintenance of law and order, and for administration generally, in Dutch Borneo.

After three months in Concord Military Hospital in 1946, he was discharged from the A.I.F. and placed on Reserve of Officers, In Feb., 1948 was appointed to command the 8th Inf. Bde., A.M. Forces. In addition to his decorations he was mentioned in Despatches three times.

1950: Inspector of Schools, Kogarah District.

C O P Y. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

CITATION.

Lt. Colonel Ivan Noel Dougherty, 2/4th Aust. Inf. Bn.

In command of 2/4th Bn., this officer has shown great bravery and efficiency in the handling of his battalion. The success of Phase III of the Tobruk attack on 21 Jan. was largely due to his inspiring leadership. The handling of his Battalion during the difficult operations at Derna from 26 - 31 Jan. was also an example to the whole of his command. His work throughout the campaign has been of a high standard.

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BULLETIN - 18/8/1954.

Major-General Ivan Dougherty gets the Militia's top-ranking

appointment - C.M.F. member of the Military Board. Victor Windeyer handed over command of the 2nd Division, C.M.F., to him a couple of years back; Dougherty hands over to Brigadier D. Macarthur-Onslow. The new member is a Bachelor of Arts and of Economics as well as a master of war - degree of C.B.E., D.S.O. and Bar, a chieved in Bardia, Tobruk, Greece, Crete, Sanananda-Road, Shaggy Ridge, Morotai and Balikpapan.

C O P Y BAR TO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

CITATION.

NX 148 Lt. Col. Ivan Noel Dougherty, DSO.,
Comd 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

For outstanding skill, courage and leadership during the operations of 21 Aust. Inf. Bde. which resulted in the capture of Gona and the destruction of the Japs west to the Amboga River. Despite the strength of the Japanese positions in Gona and the numerical weakness of 21 Aust. Inf. Bde, Brigadier DOUGHERTY, by the skilful use of his infantry and supportingarms, and by his own personal reconnaissances and determination was able to capture the area and destroy about 600 Japs in a period of eight days. Immediately the fall of Gona was assured, Brigadier Dougherty moved a large proportion of his force to the west to deal with a considerable number of Japs who had been landed in that area and who constituted a serious threat to the left flank of the Division. By his resolute action, he destroyed the Japs and removed the threat thereby making available additional troops for employment in the Sanananda area. His cheerfulness and complete control of the situation at all times were responsible for his successful actions.

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COMMANDER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

BRIGADIER IVAN NOEL DOUGHERTY, D.S.O.

CITATION.

BRIGADIER DOUGHERTY commanded 21st Australian Infantry Brigade at Balikpapan and after securing his sector his role was to capture Sepingaan and Mangaar strips. Due to his

effective planning the initial objectives were rapidly gained and the Sepingaan strip was secured on the second day, the Mangaar two days later. Hard fighting followed to s secure high ground beyond the strip. BRIGADIER DOUGHERTY'S leadership and control inspired his troops and he commanded his brigade with outstnading success.

Brigadier Dougherty also holds the Efficiency Decoration - ED.

DOWLING, John William. Gunner 2/10. F. Art., A.I.F.

B. 1911.

Ed. at Canterbury High and Sydney Teachers' College.

In camps near Brisbane from May, to Oct., 1941; then in Malaya; was P.O.W. from Feb., 1942 to end of Jap. war.

In all actions covering 2/18 and 2/20 Bns. from Mersing and Singapore. Worked on Jap. Victory Monument at west end of Singapore in 1942. In 1943 and to the end worked on Burma Railway and Mergui Road. Was in Death Valley Camp when Japs surrendered.

1950: Lidcombe.

DOYLE, Kenneth Neville. Sgt. 2/16 Bn. A.I.F.

30 Bde. Headquarters.

Four years service - 1941-46. Darwin 1943-44 and New Britian Campaign 1944-46. Mentioned in Dispatches for gallantry and initiative in S.W. Pacific.

1954: Hurstville South.

DUDLEY, Reginald S. B.A. Gunner 2/15 Field Regt. A.I.F.

Ed. at Canterbury High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Bowral H. S. in 1940. P.O.W. at Singapore; worked on Thailand Railway, Died from illnesses on this line in July, 1943. Extract from 'Education' is appended.

TEACHER'S DEATH IN PRISON CAMP. A.F.O. Writes :-

"The news that Gunner Reg. Dudley had died in a Japanese prison camp came through recently.

Reg. was a fine teacher, a staunch friend of staff and students in the schools in which he worked, and, in the days

of peace, it was felt that he would, one day, prove worthy to hold the highest offices in the Education Department.

"But now he has made the supreme sacrifice, and it seems strange to think we will know his sunny, cheery personality no more. In sincere, genuine appreciation and deep affection, we who were privileged to know Reg. Dudley pay this tribute to a fine Australian."

+ DUFF, James E.

Enlisted from Gardener's Road.

DUGDALE, John Harold, B.A. Corporal, R.A.A.F.

Born 1918 at Marrickville.
Ed. at Gosford High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.
Was Jones Medallist at Teachers' College, 1939.
In January, 1943, was a Trainee Telegraphist at Point Cook, promoted to Cypher Assistant and Corporal, served as such in New Guinea, Kiriwina Is., Middleburg Is., Dutch New Guinea, and Madang from April, 1955, to August, 1945.
1950: H.M. Rankin's Springs.

DUFF, Robert Ronald. Captain (Bde. Major) 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.

B. 1905 at Crow's Nest.
Ed. DORRIGO, Wollongong High, Sydney Teachers' College.
Enlisted January, 1939 at Inverell. Promoted Cpl., Sergeant, Lieut. (Octo. 1939).
Mortar Office, 33 Bn., then Company Commander. Bn. on full war footing defending Newcastle. Promoted Captain. Trained recruits in Jungle Warfare. In charge of loading Army Stores on to ships. Appointed Staff Captain on Staff of Bde. Was Intelligence Officer, Senior Liaison Officer, and Acting Bde. Major. Transferred to Army Psychology Service in Sept. 1945. For three months in 1946 was Vocational Guidance Officer at Sydney. On account of his high efficiency he was retained by Army as a specialist in training and organisation.
1950: H.M. Wongarbon.

DUKES, Eric Mervyn, B.A. F/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1921 at Lithgow.
Ed. at Lithgow High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.
Enlisted October 1942 in Air Crew, R.A.A.F. Promoted Sergeant in July, 1943. Sailed to Britain in August, 1943 via U.S.A. From Training Unit in Dumfries promoted F/Sgt. After service with Bomber Training Units and Operational, Heavy Bomber Squadrons was promoted W/O and commissioned as P/O. (Jan. 1945).
Served with an English crew as Wireless Operator on Lancaster bombers, R.A.F. Promoted F/O. in July, 1945. Completed 22 operations over Germany, Holland, France, Norway, and Czechoslovakia. Broke collar bone in June, 1945 and in hospital three months.
Began teaching in Feb., 1946.
1950: Earlwood.

DUN, Thomas James, B.A. Private, 2/23Bn.A.I.F.

B. 1911 at Nabiac.
Ed. at Taree High (Captain, 1928), Armidale Teachers' College and University College.
Was President A.T.C. Students' Council in 1930.
Served with 7 Field Regt. A.I.F. in West Australia from March, 1942 to Sept. 1943. After Canungra Jungle School, April to June, 1944, joined 2/23rd. Bn. Overseas service at Morotai and Tarakan.
1950: Deputy H.M. Uralla.

DUNCAN, Griffith Hammond, M..A. B.Ed. Squadron Leader, R.A.A.F.

B. 1914 at Kurri Kurri.
Ed. Kurri Kurri, Maitland High, Sydney and Melbourne Universities, Sydney Teachers' College.
Service from Sept. 1940 to January, 1946 included periods at Darwin and Timor.
Post-war: Balmain and Wagga Teachers' Colleges. Principal Newcastle Teachers' College.

DUNCAN, Victor Ross. Chief Electrical Artificer, R.A.N.

Qualified for commission.

Served on H.M.A.S. "Perth" in the Atlantic from September, 1939 for six months. In action on "Perth" in Mediterranean, in Malta, Greece, Crete, Matapan Battle and Syria. In 1942 still on "Perth" was in Java Sea Battle and was one of the survivors when "Perth was sunk in Sunda Straits. Spent 3½ years as P.O.W. in Java, Burma (on railway), Thailand, Indo-China, Singapore and Japan. He was on the Jap. prison ship "Rakyo Maru" in September, 1944, when she was torpedoed and sunk by allied submarines. He spent two days floating in China Sea with 135 survivors. Awarded British Empire Medal in 1945.

1954: Ashfield Secondary Technical School.

DUNLOP, Eric Wilfred. Sergeant, General Hqrs., A.I.F.

Born at Campsie in 1910.

Educated at Croydon, Fort St. High, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Enlisted December, 1940. Instructor at three camps.

Transferred to Central Bureau - a special Intelligence Unit.

Served at Darwin, 1943-44, and in Phillipines, 1945.

His inter-allied Intelligence duties cannot be divulged.

1953: Senior Lecturer in History at Armidale Teachers' College.

DUNLOP, Patricia Anne. A.C.W. - W.A.A.A.F.

Served 22 months in No. 1 Personnel Depot, R.A.A.F.

DUNNETT, Matthew. Flight/Lieutenant, R.A.A.F.

Became seriously ill at Darwin.

Died a year after recommencing teaching at Naremburn.

DUNNING, Athol Bertram. W.O., A.I.F.

Born in 1917 at Bega.

Educated at Hunter's Hill St. Joseph's College, Sydney

Teachers' College.

In Middle East from September, 1941 to May, 1942.

In Ceylon to August, 1942. Promoted Corporal. Port Moresby November, 1942 to February, 1943. Promoted Sergeant. At Aitape, New Guinea from November, 1944 to August, 1945.

1950 : Scone.

DURIE, Albert John. Sergeant, A.I.F.

Born in 1917 at Lithgow.

Educated at Zig Zag, Lithgow High School and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted 1941. Selected by Brigade Intelligence Hqrs. to be Instructor in Intelligence and Map Reading at Army Hqrs. Schools. Promoted Corporal and Sergeant.

1950 : Ermington.

DURIE, Alexander Macdonald. Sergeant, 2/1/Pioneer Bn.

Born in 1916 at Dorrigo.

Educated at Cessnock, Canterbury High Schools, and Sydney Teachers' College.

Was Sergeant Instructor in Intelligence at Dubbo Camp for six months in 1942. In New Guinea at Port Moresby and Koitaki from August, 1942 to November, 1943. Reverted to Private at his own request on Atherton Tableland to join Mortar Platoon. In Balikpapan Landing. "He was a very capable instructor in map-reading and field sketching to N.C.O.'s."

1950 : Tent Hill.

EARP, Frederick Arthur. Flight/Lieutenant, R.A.A.F.

Born in 1917 at Kurri Kurri.

Educated at Kurri, Maitland High School and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted in R.A.A.F. in October, 1942. On completion of training promoted P.O. After passing with distinction as Air Observer, Air Bomber and Gunner, and Astro-Navigator he was promoted from L.A.C. to Pilot Officer in June, 1943.

Then, after a distinction pass at Bairnsdale General Reconnaissance School he was posted to Maryborough, Queensland, as Navigator in Anson planes on convoy duties. In October, 1943, he was posted to Rathmines and was Navigator with a Catalina Crew. Then posted to Catalina Squadron 43, operating over ocean north of Australia. For five months, to April, 1945, was engaged on Ferry Duties in Catalinas on the West Coast of United States as Flying Officer. Promoted Flight Lieutenant and posted as Instructor to Rathmines.
1951: Headmaster of Tambar Springs.

EATHER, Walter.B.

Prisoner of War.

ECHIN, Richard Arthur. Corporal, Machine Gun Units, A.I.F.
Born in 1923 at Gunnedah.
Educated at Gunnedah and Sydney Teachers' College.
Machine gun training at Greta, Tenterfield and Atherton Tableland. Served in New Guinea, Papua, Morotai and Borneo campaigns. "A very useful man for any job in a M.G. unit." After Jap surrender he was Assistant Unit Education Officer in Borneo.
1953 : Wymah, Albury.

+ EDWARDS, Allan Douglas. Staff Sergeant, 2/20 Bn., A.I.F.
B.A., B.EC., Dip. Ed.
Born in 1906 at Yass. Educated at Goulburn and Fort St. High Schools, Sydney University and Teachers' College.
Formerly Lecturer at Armidale Teachers' College.
Sailed for Malaya on "Queen Mary" February, 1941. Rank of S/Sgt. C.Q.M.S. H.Q. Coy. Selected for Intelligence Group. In action at Mersing and Singapore Island. Prisoner of War, February, 1942. Left Singapore as member of Japanese Working Party known as "A" force. This force of 2996 officers and other ranks worked in the Moulmein Area of Burma on the construction of the Japanese railway from Burma to Thailand.

Returned to Singapore Island July, 1944.

Embarked from Singapore for Japan September, 1944. The ship in which the P.O.W.'s sailed was torpedoed by an allied submarine in the Phillipines area. S/Sgt Edwards was not a survivor.

A teacher in 19th Bn. - F. J. Asser - writes :

"I cannot speak too highly of fine courage and manly bearing of Alan throughout his P.O.W.'s days. Although working on the railway each day, he kept a cheery exterior, and his sound common sense at times of stress was a source of inspiration to all around."

EDWARDS, Kenneth Baird. Captain, Artillery & Intelligence Corps, A.I.F.

Born in 1904 at Yass. Brother of Alan.

Educated at Yass, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Enlisted from Bulgandry in 1940 in Artillery; promoted Gunner and through all grades to Captain. Overseas service in Middle East, Gilbert Island, South West Pacific and Borneo.

1950 : Deputy H.M., Windsor. Considerable ill health from War Service.

EGAN, John Henry. Bombardier, Anti-Tank Unit, Armoured Division, A.I.F.

Born in 1915 at Lismore.

Educated at St. Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill and Sydney Teachers' College.

After training in Anti-Tank gunnery in 1942 was promoted Bombardier. Service in N.S.W., W.A. and North Qld. in group defending beaches near Cairns.

1950: Coogee.

EGLINGTON, Geoffrey Clarence. B.A. Captain, 2/3rd Tank Attack Regiment, A.I.F.

Born in 1917 at Murwillumbah.

Educated at Murwillumbah High, Armidale Teachers' College and Sydney University.

After service with Artillery Training Staff at Cowra he was

promoted Lieutenant 2/3 Tank Attack Regiment and served in the Middle East; also served in Borneo. Promoted Captain and at the end of the War transferred to Army Vocational Guidance to train and advise Prisoners of War and men being discharged. The Department of Labour and Industry sought his transfer to this Department because of his splendid record in the Army Guidance. In 1948 he joined the D.L.I. and gained rapid promotion.

EGLINTON, Raymond Bernard. Private, A.A.M.C., A.I.F.
Born in 1914 at Murwillumbah.
Educated a t Murwillumbah High School and Armidale Teachers' College.
Served in Regimental Aid Posts in several camps from January, 1943 to June, 1946, except for four months in Singapore in A.I.F. Hospital after Jap. capitulation.
1950 : Headmaster, Crescent Head.

ELLIOTT, Joseph. M.A., Dip. Ed. F/Lieut., R.A.A.F.
Born in 1909 at Bowral.
Educated at Bowral, Sydney University and Teachers' College.
Enlisted from Lismore High School in R.A.A.F. Promoted A.C.1, P./O., F./O. and F/Lieut. Overseas throughout the Solomons, New Britian, New Guinea, Bougainville and adjacent islands. Trained Air Crews in Australia, and engaged mainly in general educational work in other centres.
1950 : Headmaster, Murwillumbah High School.

ELLIS, Clyde Lionel L. Sergeant, General Unit and R.A.A.F.
Born in 1906 at Temora.
Educated at Fort St. and Sydney Teachers' College.
Enlisted April, 1942; trained in Jungle Training Fighting. Embarked at Cairns, 3/2/1943. for Port Moresby to Air Liaison Group. Attached to R.A.A.F. and American Air Force. Served at Dobodura, 1943-44. After return to Australia, embarked again from Cairns for Morotai, March, 1945. Went by air to Zamboanga, attached to U.S. Marines. Posted to Leyte (Central Phillipines)

and attached to U.S. Air Force Photographic Squadron on photographic work for Borneo Landings. Back at Morotai, August, 1945. During October, 1945, visited many centres in Dutch New Guinea to see that the surrender terms were being carried out by Japs. Promotions from Pte. to Cpl. to Sgt.
1950 : Headmaster, Coolah.

ELLIS, Gordon Bruce. B.A. W./O., R.A.A.F.
Born in 1916 at Wellington, N.S.W.
Educated at Sydney High School, Teachers' College and University.
Enlisted September, 1941 as Air Crew Trainee. Posted to Canada as Observer, in April, 1942. Trained as Navigator Bombardier. From England was posted with R.A.F. to West Africa - British Gambia, Siena Leone, Gold Coast and Liberia. Protection of convoys was the main duty, and continuous air support was given. Patrols averaged seven hours, and each plane carried depth charges and anti-submarine bombs. In March, 1944 flew to Algiers, Morocco and across the Bay of Biscay to England. Arrived in Australia, July, 1944 to postings at Nhill and Tocumwal.
1950: Inverell High School.

ENGEL, Stephen David. Driver with Survey Regt. Flash Spotting Battery, and Sound Ranging Battery, A.I.F.
Born in 1906 at Glenoak, N.S.W.
Educated at Newcastle High School and Sydney Teachers' College.
Enlisted July, 1940, but was not called up until 2/4/1941.
Served in Middle East from September, 1941 to March, 1942; then in Queensland and Western Australia.
1950 : Dungay Creek, Murwillumbah.

ENGLAND, George Edward. B.A. Sergeant, Heavy Anti-aircraft Artillery, A.I.F.
Born in 1903 at Nambucca Heads.
Educated at Grafton High School, Sydney Teachers' College and University.
Enlisted February, 1942. Promoted to Sergeant, August, 1942.
Served in New Guinea from September, 1943 to June, 1944.

On account of illness was classified as unfit for service in tropics.

1950 : Coff's Harbour High School.

+ EVANS, George Wylde. L/Corporal Commando, 2/4 Independent Co., A.I.F.

Born in 1922.

Educated at Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Guyra, December, 1941. Sailed December, 1942. While visiting one of his outposts in Malaya the Japs attacked overwhelmingly. George set a fine example in heroism and leadership, and himself killed four attackers, before falling. His C.O. wrote : "We have lost a fine soldier and comrade, liked and admired by everybody. He was full of heroic qualities and quiet, steady ability. His work over here in the last few months marked him as a soldier of outstanding ability, and he was about to receive his commission."

Killed in Action, 9/7/1943. - Home town was Humula.

His younger brother on H.M.A.S. "Armidale" also gave his life.

+ ENGLISH, James Herbert. D.F.C. P./O., R.A.A.F.

Was Pilot of Lancaster Bomber. Killed in attack on Berlin 2/12/1943.

Citation for D.F.C., 28/11/1943 : "Pilot Officer English has completed many successful operations against the enemy, in which he has displayed high skill, fortitude and devotion to duty."

EVANS, Allan Marcus. Sgt., W.O., Artillery, A.I.F.

Born in 1909 at Forbes.

Educated at Forbes and Sydney Teachers' College.

In Cowra and Dubbo Camps July to October, 1941. Palestine, Syria, Western Desert November, 1941 to November, 1942. Promoted Sergeant at El Alamein Battle. Was Regimental Instructor in Gunnery and Predictors, Mortars, Grenades and Bren and Owen guns. In Lae and Finschafen Campaigns. Wounded at Finschafen.

1950 : Headmaster, Nambucca Heads.

FALKENMIRE, Geoffrey William. B.A. Sergeant, Landing Craft Coy., A.I.F.

B. 1921 at Tamworth.

Ed. at Tamworth High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted in 1941. Trained in Jungle Fighting and Water Transport. Served in New Guinea at Salamana, Lae, Markham Valley, Finsehhafen, and Madang in 1944; and in Feb., 1945 at Aitape and Wewak. From New Britain he went to Phillipines and then to Labuan-Brunei Campaigns. Promoted Sergeant in New Guinea. Was wounded and suffered tropical ailments.

1950: Neutral Bay.

FARRELL, James Desmond. Pte. Tank Transporter Platoon, 4th Armoured Bde. A.I.F.

B. 1912 at Kempsey (son of teacher).

Ed. at St. Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill. After banana growing in New Guinea, he entered Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted in March, 1942. In Armoured Division near Harrabri and in Westralia until November 1944, then joined Transporter Platoon on coast of Queensland.

1950: Limerick.

FARNAN, William J.C. B.A. Able Seaman, R.A.N.

B. 1919 at Hamilton (N.S.W.)

Ed. at Cessnock High, Sydney Teachers' College and University. From Sept. 1941 to Feb. 1942 at Flinders Naval Depot, then on H.M.A.S. "Melville" at Darwin. At Flinders again for six months from November, 1943, training as Seaman Torpedoman. On H.M.A.S. "Hawkesbury" in S.W.Pacific, Manus I., Morotai, Hollandia, Phillipines, Marshall Islands, Guadaleanal, Palawan, Tarakan and Singapore, attached to American Fleet for invasion of Borneo. On H.M.A.S. "Vigilant" at Timor, Delivering supplies to Commandos and taking off the sick. Back on "Hawkesbury" which led the invasion fleet into Tarakan Harbour, and was the first Australian warship to return to Singapore. Then at many E.Indies islands to take the surrender of Japs.

1950: Gardener's Road.

FARRELLY, Hugh. Sgt. 28 A.I.T.B.

B.1917 Rylstone.

Ed. Kandos, Hawkesbury Ag. High. Was House Captain at Drummond House, Armidale T.College. Promoted rapidly on enlistment as Sgt. Instructor at Bathurst. Served in New Guinea and Islands in Landing Craft Coy., three years.

1953: Woodburn.

FERGUSON, George Shirlaw.

B. 1921 Drummoyne.

Ed. Fort Street High, Sydney Teachers' College.

In Armoured Division in W.A. and Qld. for three years. Learned Malay language, but a leg injury prevented his going overseas.

FERRIER, Charles Lyons, B.A. F./Lt., R.A.A.F.

B. 1906 at Sydney.

Ed. at Parramatta High, Sydney Teachers' College and University. Appointed F/O in january, 1941, and posted to Administrative and Special Duties Branch. Was Education Officer at Mascot Flying School and at School of Administration at Melbourne University. Promoted F./Lieut. Was Chief Instructor, School of Wireless, training radar officers, and Education Officer at Narrandera and Bradfield Park.

In 1942 was O.C. Troups en route to Canada, on return voyage was Courier, with despatches from Australian Legation in U.S.A.

1950: Inspector of Schools.

FETTERPLACE, Reginald. Sergeant, R.A.A.F.

B.1904 at Derby, England.

Ed. at Parramatta High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted in R.A.A.F. in August, 1941. Overseas service at Milne Bay, Kiriwina, Aitape, Noemfor, Morotai, and Tarakan.

Promoted L.A.C.,Corporal, and Sergeant.

For 16 months in 1944-45 was classed in "Key Personnel Group" and attached to U.S. forces. In Americal Landings on Aitape, Noemfor, and Morotai to establish liaison with R.A.A.F.

1950: West Tamworth.

FINCH, Ronald James. P/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1913. Ed. at Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah High School, and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Casino, 2.2.41.

K.I.A. while night flying over England, 17.4.1942.

Group Captain Commanding R.A.F. Station, Berkshire, wrote:

"Well spoken of and reported on by his Instructors."

"Farewell, dear friend! Your task on earth is over,
You sleep upon a far, but friendly, shore.
Within the heart of this fair Empire grand,
Which you loved most beside your own dear hand."

S.L.J. Thompson in "Richmond River Express"

FINDLAY, John Corporal Clerk and Med. Orderly. A.I.F.

B. 1904. Ed. Bondi, Sydney Tech. High and Teachers' College. Enlisted January, 1941. Sailed 4.2.41 to Middle East, there 13 months. on Return to Australia, March, 1942, he volunteered in Malaria Control Unit and served in New Guinea. Incapacitated by heavy and difficult jobs. Became a "Pay Book Expert" in regard to discharges. Recommended teaching 1946.
1950: Padstow Park.

FOLEY, William Edward P./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1913. Sydney. Ed. St. Joseph's Hunter's Hill, Armidale T.C. Enlisted August 1939. in Light Horse Regt., gained rapid promotion to Quartermaster Sergeant. Because of high efficiency, he was held in camp in Australia. To get away, he joined the R.A.A.F. trained as navigator and selected for Canada. Arrived in England March 1943, and was attached to R.A.F. As Navigator, his first operation was a big one, over Leipzig, in which we lost 70 planes. Following heavy attacks in Stuttgart, Augsburg, Paris Railway Yards, Dusseldorf,

Essen, Montdidier Airfield, Nantes, Boulogne, Duisberg, AAchen, and several other important objectives.
His plane and squadron were heavily attacked by fighters and bombarded by "flak". In March, 1944, he was posted to a Pathfinder Squadron and commissioned Pilot Officer. The Pathfinders were selected from outstanding Navigators; they led the way to and dropped flares on targets. On "D" Day -- Landing in Normandy-- his squadron bombed many strategical points and enemy rocket bases. In the attack on Blainville (29/6/44) his plane was shot down, three of the crew were killed, two were captured. P/O Foley escaped and joined the French Resistance Force, and took an active part in their exciting and dangerous work until General Paton's Army arrived.
Service over six years. 1954; Picton.

FLETCHER, Eric K. Corporal R.A.A.F.
Enlisted for Air Force, but was "scrubbed" because of age and eyesight. Came top in Flight Mechanics' and Fitters' Courses, was posted Instructor on Staff of Engineering School, Melbourne. Promoted Corporal. Public Service Board requested his release and he resumed teaching in February, 1945. Two years service.
1950: H/M Binnalong.

FOLBIGG, Richard Ernest.
Enlisted from Bryan's Gap. P.O.W. Died in Siam, December, 1943. "Ern died from exhaustion. Two fellow teachers from N.S.W. did all they could for him; gave him water, shaded him from the burning sun, fanned him, and tried to make him smile. But he just could not respond."

FORD, Hubert Colonel, D.S.O., E.D.
Was Headmaster of Darlington when called up in June, 1940 to take charge of Wagga Camp. Resumed teahcing Sept. 1943.
Retired V. 1st World War.

FORD, Horace Roy — Sgt., Special Intelligence Section A.I.F.

B. 1917 Dungog. Ed. Maitland High and Armidale Teachers' College. Served 4½ years at various camps and six months at Philippines. Camp Commandants regarded him as an outstanding Instructor and Administrator, and held him in Australia.

Publication of the work of this section is not permitted.

1950: H/M Katuah.

FISHER, Andrew Malcolm — Sgt., 2/3 Pioneer Bn. A.I.F.

B. 1912 at Fairfield. Ed. at Canley Vale, Hurlstone Agricultural College, and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted February, 1942. Served overseas in Palestine and North Africa for six months, in New Guinea eight months, Borneo seven months, and Morotai two. Was in the Landing at Lae,. Battles for Lae, Finschhafer. Jap. counter offensive at Katika and Scarlet Beach, Sattelberg and Tarakan. Wounded at Tarakan. Promotions in the field were Corporal and Sergeant. Married A.I.F. Sister, with service in Egypt and Borneo.

1950: Jingellic.

FLOYD, Alwyn Glasson — Lieut. Infantry, A.I.F.

B. 1919, Orange. Ed. at Orange High and Armidale Teachers' College. In camps from July 1940 to January 1942, at Wagga, Tamworth, and Dubbo. Promoted through all grades from Private to Lieutenant. Sailed to Singapore, 10/1/42. Mentioned in Despatches for outstanding bravery and devotion to duties in battles in Malaya. Was P.O.W. in Malaya, Burma and Thailand.

FLYNN, Austin B. A. — F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

B. 1918 at Broken Hill. Ed. at Eastwood, Summer Hill, Parramatta High and Armidale Teachers' College. After a year's Air-crew Bombing, Navigation and Advanced Navigation training in Aust. he left for England in December, 1943, via U.S.A. Promoted through all grades to F/Lieut. In his twelfth raid as a Bomber-aimer over Germany, he was shot down over Duisburg, and was P.O.W. for 3 months.

1950 : West Armidale.

At Armidale he was President of Students' Council.

"Arthur was a great footballer"

FOWLER, John Lieut. Heavy A. A. Bty, RAAF

B. 1909 at Broken Hill. Ed. at Broken Hill High, Sydney Teachers' College, and University. Served three years in Australia and two years at Milne Bay, Madang, and Emirau Is. Promoted through all stages from Gunner to Lieut. Was O.C. 375 Aust. Heavy A.A. troop. On return from New Guinea was Administrative Officer, Directorate of Army Psychology at Melbourne.

1950: Deputy H/M. Swansea.

X FRANCIS, Edmund ~~Clement~~ Victor Cpl. Hqrs. A.I.F. Malaya.

Enlisted from Mulwala. Missing 16/2/42. Died as P.O.W. from disease before July 1943. Date not known.

X FRANKLIN, Frank Gordon Signalman 4th Anti-tank Regt.,

Enlisted from Uranquinty. Died as P.O.W. Reported missing in Malaya Feb. 1942. Died on march from Sandakan as P.O.W. Feb. 1945

FRASER, Gordon Bruce B.Sc. Dip. Ed. Squadron Ldr. R.A.A.F

B. 1909 Sydney. Ed. Petersham, Sydney Tech. High, University and Teachers' College. Service from March, 1941 to October 1945. Instructor in Navigation and Astro-Navigation at Forest Hill, Mt. Gambier, and Nhill. Specialist in Navigation. In 41 Transport Squadron Mariner Flying Boats operating ocer and around New Guinea. On special duties on Liberators dropping and supplying Paratroops and sabateours behind enemy in New Guinea, Borneo New Britain Philippines etc.,

Promotions March 1941 Pilot Officer, Sept. 1941 F/Officer, Sept. 1943 Squadron Leader.

Flying Hours: Day 971, Night 210 His was the only Liberator to use Jacquinot Bay the runaway being 200 yards shorter than then deemed safe. Highly praised for accuracy in dropping men and supplies by night. The Squadron had 50% losses in men and planes in its first two months.

1954: Albury High.

FRANCIS, Gordon Clement.

B. 1922. Sydney. Ed. Earlwood, Sydney Tech. High. Sydney Teachers' College. 1939-40

Enlisted 14.1.43 in A.I.F. Injured ankle permanently during training at Bathurst. Transferred to Radio Physics Course, engaged in radar maintenance on East Coast, posted to Army Psychology Service.

1950: Gunderman Public School.

FRATER, Kenneth Hay — Captain and Adj. 2/3 Pioneer Bn., A.I.F.

B. 1909 at Narrabri. Ed. Inverell, Sydney Teachers' College Joined the A.I.F. July 1940. Drafted to the 2/3/ Pioneer Btn. August 1940 and trained at Glenfield and Cowra. Promoted to the rank of Corporal in September 1941. Promoted to Sgt. in Aug. 1941. Served in Darwin from March to October 1941. Sailed for Middle East in November 1941 aned trained and carried out defence works in Palestine, Syria and Lebanon. Moved into the Western Desert in July 1942 and remained there until after the Battle of El Alemain in Oct. 1942. Promoted to Lieut. January 1943 and returned to Australia in March 1943. Trained for several months in North Queensland then moved to New Guinea in August, 1943. Took part in the Lae and Finschaven Campaigns and returned to Australia in March 1944. Promoted to Captain in June 1944 Appoined Adjutant to the 2/3/ Pioneer Brn in June 1944. Took part in the Tarakan Campaign from May until August 1945. Discharged from the A.I.F. on the 18th October, 1945.

1950: H/M Urunga.

FREDERICK, John Clemens H. B.A.T Dip. Ed. / Signals Lt. 6th Div. A.I.F.

B. 1916 at Sydney. Ed. at Fort St. High, Sydney University and Teachers' College. Promoted to Lieut. for outstanding work in the 6th Div. Signals and Officer's School at Seymour. Served in New Guinea in Sanananda Campaign.

1950; Muswellbrook I. H. S.

FRIEND, Ronald Frederick, B. A., D. F. C. F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

B. 1913 at North Sudney. Ed. at Technical High, Teachers' College and University at Sydney. Enlisted in R.A.A.F. in April, 1940. Trained as Navigator, continued this in Canada Aug. 1941 to Jan 1942. In England from Jan. 1942 operated Lancaster Bombers, 460 Squadron on 30 raids over territory. Awarded D.F.C. and promoted to F/Lieut. Received D.F.C. at Buckingham Palace. After a special Instructor Course on Radar Navigation and Blind Bombing was Instructor in various squadrons.

After discharge in Apr. 1945 served with Quantas Empire Airways between Perth and Karachi and Sydney-- as Navigator.. Karachi until Dec. 1945.

1950; Orange High School.

D.F.C. CITATION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

" An outstanding navigator Flying Officer Friend has completed a large number of operational sorties of which many have been against very heavily defended targets in the Ruhr and Berlin. This Officer has set a splendid example by his keenness and careful preparation before an operation and his courage and devotion to duty during the execution of the missions."

X FURNESS, Ronald Robert Seaman R.A.N. Reserve.

Enlisted from Public Library. K.I.A.

Whilst on loan to Royal Navy for Anti-Submarine duties was reported missing and presumed dead when H.M.S. "Juno" was lost on 21/5/41. No information held re place of casualty.

FULTON, Robert. Sgt. 2/1st Bn. Pioneer and A.A. M.G.

On enlistment was trained as a Specialist in water testing, clarification and sterilisation, was "official waterman" with a Mobile Bath Unit in Westralia with the Armoured Div. Transferred to Div. Field Ambulance in Ramu Valley, Madang and Alexishafen Campaigns. In August 1945 was on Hospital Ship "Wanganella" to care for our prisoners from Kuching, then with the 12th Camp Hosp. Sydney until discharge in March 1946. Speaking the Malayan Language fluently he was in constant demand as interpreter while in East Indies.

GADD, Maxwell Thomas Sgt. R.A.A.F.

B. 1914 at Artatmon. Ed. at Sydney High and Teachers' College. Enlisted in Nov. 1941. Served overseas in Morotai, Borneo and Labuan promoted from A. C. 2 through all stages to Sergeant. Was a Radar Mechanic.

1950: Manly.

GALLAGHER, Lloyd L. R. Sergeant, A.A.M.C. A.I.F.

B. 1910. Ed. at various small schools, Glen Innes High and Armidale Teachers' College. His main Service job in various centres and in Darwin for a year was connected with Hygeine -- Water Testing, malaria control, care of food, etc. Promotedthrough all stages to Sergeant.

1950: H/M Normanhurst.

GALLIMORE, John Bowan W/O. A.A.S.C., 6th Div. A.I.F.

B. 1911 at Launceston. Ed. at Canterbury High and Sydney Teachers' College. Sailed for Palestine in First Convoy, 9/1/40. Served in First Western Desert Campaign in Greece in Syria on garrison duty after the French capitulation and in Ceylon. Returned to Australia in Aug. and sailed for New Guinea in Sept. 1942.

Returned to Australia in 1943 (April) andwas attached to First Army A.D.SC. School as Instructor and promoted to W.O. Gave lectures to officers and N.C.O.'s on the system of supply in the X army, map reading and food technology.

1950: Junee.

GAHA, Fracis Clive B.A. F/O R.A.A.F.

B. 1913 at E mmaville. Ed. at Campsie, Canterbury High, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Ultimo Tech. School;in Canada in early 1942. Promoted Sergeant and P/Officer. Posted to Nova Scotia to train with R.A.F. Killed in crash. 18.3.43.

GARDINER, Neil McPhail. P/O R.A.A.F.

B. 1920 at Hamilton N.S.W. Ed. at Newcastle High and Sydney Teachers College. After excellent passes in course at Sandgate, Cootamundra Evans Head and Parkes he was promoted to Sergeant....Observer, Navigator, Bomb-aimer and Gummer. Sailed 6.3.43 via New Zealand, San francisco, Boston and Halifax to England/ In England speedily, with high passes, promoted to Navigator. With an English crew was in North Devon patrolling Bay of Biscay and western approaches, then on similar duties from Limavady in Northern Ireland. Attacked and damaged a submarine from 50 feet proceeding to Brest. Promoted to Commimon. In Dec. 1944 his squadron was transferred to Norfolk to patrol Dutch Coasts and islands;in two months they attacked 15 E-boats and plotted many aerial bombs-- V2--- en route to England. He had now completed 360 hours on operation flights. At [illegible] Bombing Leaders Course was one of two "a" passes. Promoted Bombing Leader and Instructor to an Operational Unit. Completed Advanced Bombing and Night Vision Courses.

Returned to Australia 3.11.45,

1950: Thirroul.

GARDINER, Thomas King. F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

B. 1914 at Murrurundi. Ed. at Newcastle High, Sydney University and Teachers' College. Engaged in Meteorological Services in North Queensland, New Guinea, New Britain and at Richmond. Promoted P/O. April, 1941. F/O in Oct. 1941 and F/Lieut. in Feb. 1942.

Was Chief Instructor in Forecasting, R.A.A.F. Hqrs., Melbourne, from June to Nov. 1942. Was O/C. Mobile Meteorological Flight in the Lae and Finschhafen Campaigns. Attached to American Task Air Force at Nadzab, New Guinea on liaison work, Jan. to June, 1944

Letter of appreciation from Dept. of Air, Directorate Meteorological Services, Melbourne to F. Lieut. Gardiner, O.I.C. Meteorological Section, Group 959, Pacific.

"On account of the extensive experience gained by you in servicing Units of this Command, it will be desireable that you return as O.IC of one of the Wing R.A.A.F. Forecasting Units. Command Met. Officer is therefore under instruction to effect the necessary posting as soon as relief arrives at Port Moresby. The work already done by you under former difficult conditions has been very favourably commented upon by the Units served.

1950: Mathematics Master, Young High School.

GAUL, Ronald Burnham Boyce Sgt. Signals 8th Div.

B. 1909 at Dungog. Ed. at Darlinghurst Junior Tech. and Central Tech. Ultimo. Commenced a sea career as Deck Cadet on sailing ship "Garthpool" via the Horn to Falmouth. On return to Australia, was trained at Hereford House and Sydney Teachers' College. Enlisted in June, 1940 in Signals 8th Div. A.I.F. Promoted Corporal and Sergeant in 1940. Embarked at Fremantle for Singapore, July 1941. He was with first Signal Section to go into action in Malaya. This section was highly commended for keeping communications open throughout campaign from Gemas to last stand in Singapore. As P.O.W. was one of several teachers to organise education schemes, but this work ceased when so many were sent to work in Burma and Siam.

1950: H/M Braidwood.

GAWTHORPE, George Denzil. B.Sc., Dip.Ed. F./Lt., R.A.A.F.

Born in Yorkshire.

Educated at Fort Street, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Served as Education Officer at various centres, including Darwin. In 1941 travelled to Canada as Escort Officer, the first Education Officer to travel to Canada as such. He was in charge of the education of 200 trainees.

1950 : Head Teacher of Mathematics, Department of Preparatory Studies, Sydney Technical College.

GEORGE, John Ritchie. Sergeant, Transport, 1 Amt. Corps, 6th Div. and Stores Accounts Section.

Born in 1905 at Bathurst.

Educated at Hurlstone Agr. High School, Hawkesbury Agr. College and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted May, 1940. Served as Transport Driver in Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Irak and Trans-Jordan. Promoted Sergeant. Returned to Australia with 6th Div. and was with this Div. at Port Moresby, Oro Bay and Lae until invalided home; then was auditor in Stores Accounts.

1950 : Granville Central School.

GEORGE, Marshall. F./O., R.A.A.F.

Born in 1921 at Sydney.

Educated at Gunnedah and Armidale Teachers' College.

Served in Australia from November, 1941 to June, 1942; in Canada from August, 1942 to March, 1943; England, March to September, 1943, and India, October, 1943 to March, 1945. Attached to R.A.F. Photographic Reconnaissance Unit, flying specially adapted Spitfires. Was in 57 operational sorties over Burma, photographing posts, roads, railways, aerodromes, towns and special areas for Army maps. In a storm his plane crashed, parts being scattered 600 yards, but he was in Calcutta Hospital for only a month.

1950 : Gunnedah.

+ GIBSON, Donald Murray. Sergeant Pilot, R.A.A.F.

Educated at Walcha, Yanco Agr. High School and Armidale Teachers8 College.

Enlisted from Bonalbe, October, 1941. Sailed to Canada, May, 1942, and won his Wings. Crossed to England, January, 1943 and was stationed at Inverness and Londonderry.

Killed in Action over Londonderry 15/5/1943. Hometown - Walcha.

GILBERT, Lionel A. L.A.C., R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Teachers' College, June, 1943.

Became a Specialist and Instructor in Radar.

1950 : Nabiac.

+ GILLELAND, James R. Captain, 14th Inf. Bde., A.I.F.

Born in 1913.

Educated at Lithgow and Grafton High Schools and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Tempe, September, 1939, after several years' service in the Militia. Had a fine scholastic and sporting record. In New Guinea he led his Company through several heavy engagements displaying the greatest heroism and superb leadersjip qualities. Tropical scrub typhus then seized him, he died 5/2/43. a week before the birth of a son. His C.O. spoke at his burial at Bowana, N.G.

"Jim. At this moment of parting I feel that mere words are futile. During the past weeks you have displayed high courage, devotion to duty, cheerfulness and an indomitable spirit seldom equalled. On behalf of the Country you served, I thank you. In death you still live, because your fine personality still marches forward with us as an inspiration. Jim! Comrade and Friend till we meet beyond."

"I saw him last in the green damp of Kokoda Trail, among his men with his perpetual rich smile." (Officer's letter.)

GILLIES, Sidney Stewart. Sergeant, 2/4 Bn., A.I.F.
W./O. Pilot, R.A.A.F.

Born in 1913 at Auckland, N.Z.
Educated at Wollongong High and Sydney Teachers' College.
Served from October, 1939 to March, 1942 with 2/4 Bn.
In Middle East January, 1941 to March, 1942. Promoted Corporal and Sergeant. In First Western Desert Campaign.
On return to Australia, was in Northern Territory for ten months before joining R.A.A.F. Trained as Pilot and was a attached to Training Command and Pilots' Pool in England.
Promoted to W./O. Has serious illness in 1946 due to service in Desert and Northern Territory.
1950 : Headmaster, Grong Grong.

GILMOUR, A. J. B.Sc., Dip.Ed. Pilot, R.A.A.F.
Enlisted as a Radar Officer; posted to No. 101 Squadron, Beauforte. Operated, instructed and serviced air borne Radar gear under operational conditions at Milne Bay and Goodenough Is. On return to Australia in 1944 was remustered to Air Crew as Pilot.
1950 : Penrith High.

GILMOUR, James Edward. (2 wars) Corporal, 7 Garrison Bnl
Born in 1891 at Black Mountain.
Trained at Hereford House, 1912-13.
Coast Defence at Caloundra, Bribie Is., and Moreton Is.
1950 : Granville. V. Kaiser's War.

GILTINAN, Richard Barclay. B.Sc. F./O., R.A.A.F.
Born in 1911 at Lismore. Son of a Teacher.
Educated at Fort St. and Wagga High Schools, Sydney University and Teachers' College.
After two months at Bradfield Park was selected to go to Canada, 1941. Om completion of training at Chatham and Debert, Canada, crossed to Britian, and joined 519 R.A.F. Squadron at Wick, Scotland; made a fill tour of reconnaissance and meteorological flights over North Sea, North Atlantic and English Channel.
1950 : Fairman Memorial [illegible]

GIRVAN, Hugh. Signalman, 16 Line Section, A.I.F.

Born in 1919 at Kurri.

Educated at Cessnock and Maitland High Schools and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted 1/4/1942 in Infantry; transferred to Bonegilla to train as Signaller. Served in lines and signals generally for four years in Darwin Central Australia, Cape York Peninsula and New Guinea. Broke his arm on duty. Took part in Lae Campaign.

1950 : Warrell Creek.

GLOVER, Ernest William. Lieut. 2/9 A.I.F. Field Regiment.

Born in 1903 at Carrington.

Educated at Singleton, Maitland High Schools, Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted June, 1940. Promoted all steps from A./Bombardier to Lieut. Received Commission in the field - Middle East. In Palestine, Egypt, Western Desert and Syria. In New Guinea campaign. From December, 1943 to July, 1944 he conducted a special Gunnery School Refresher Course for Officers. In October, 1944 he was O.C. Advance Party to rpepare Regimental Camp in Atherton Tablelands. In 1945 he wrote a Souvenir History of his Regiment.

1950 : Headmaster, Balranald.

GODDEN, Cyril Roland. Bombardier Anti-Aircraft and Anti-Tank, A. I. F.

Born in 1918 at Melbourne.

Educated at Hay Memorial High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted 9/7/1941. On duty near Melbourne on Anti-Aircraft guns. Sailed on "Aquatania" to singapore in January, 1942 and was on Anti-Tank guns until capitulation. Helped to organise an education system among fellow prisoners; worked on Singapore wharves until sent with "D" Force on Thailand railway. Suffered considerably. In July, 1944, left Singapore for Japan on a "Hell" ship, at Nagasaki building ships; then mining and gardening until Jap. surrender.

1950 : Kywong.

GOLDTHORPE, Clarence. B.Sc.(Econ.) London. W./O., R.A.A.F.

Born in 1911 at Cooray, Queensland.

Educated at Grafton and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted May, 1941. Qualified as Observer; his work as Bomb-aimer at Evans Head was officially recorded as "Exceptional". Refused to take Commission. From August, 1942 to May, 1943, on further training and operations with 460 Bombing Squadron. After several sorties, the Squadron made a long raid over South France and Essen. Over Dortmund his plane was shot down by fighters and he baled out. (On his first raid over Dortmund his Lancaster was reported "Missing", but ir struggled back to England with 59 holes in it.) He escaped to join the Dutch "Underground" but was taken by German counter- espionage. Rescued by British, 24/4/1945.

1954 : Alstonville.

GOLLAN, Brendan J. Signalman, 8 Div. Signals.

Born in 1918 at Maitland.

Educated at St. Joseph's College (Hunter's Hill) and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted August, 1940 but not called up till March, 1941. Trained in Signals and joined 8 Div. Signals at Singapore in August. In action from the Jap Landing to fall of Singapore (15/2/1942). In May was in Burma on aerodrome building; in October began work on Burma - Siam "Death"Railway. 700 prisoners were crammed into a small hold and ordered to sit with chin on knees on voyage to Moulmein. In December, 1944 was taken to Japan to work as a coal miner. Our Rescue Party reached them on 18/9/1946.

1950 : Swansea.

+ GOLLAN, John B. Sergeant, 2/6 Armoured Div.

Enlisted from Lismore High School.

Died of Wounds at Sanananda.

GOLLAN, Kenneth George. Sergeant, General Transport Coy., and Army Education, A.I.F.

Born in 1914 at Broadwater, North Coast.

Educated at North Sydney and Wollongong High Schools and Sydney Teachers' College.

From September, 1944 to February, 1945 was in Army Education Service at Darwin and Adelaide River.

From January, 1943 to April, 1944 was on General Transport duties in New Guinea; from April, 1945 to February, 1946 was on Education Service in Morotai, Labuan and North-West Borneo.

1950 : D.H.M. Central School, Carlton.

Dr. GOLLAN, Robin Allenby. M.A., Ph.D.(London). F/Lieut. R.A.A.F. Three years as Navigator. Many operational flights. Promoted all steps on active service to Flight-Lieutenant.

Dr. Gollan graduated B.A. in 1939, with first-class honours in History, sharing the University Medal with J.M.Ward, now Professor of History at Sydney University. He graduated M.A. in 1948, again winning first-class honours and the University Medal. In 1948 Dr. Gollan was awarded an Australian National University Scholarship for the purpose of post-graduate study in Britian.

Dr. Gollan's first teaching appointment was at the Cleveland Street Intermediate High School. Subsequently, after a period as acting-lecturer at Armidale Teachers' College he was appointed Lecturer in Social Science at Sydney Teachers' College.

GOODWIN, Arthur Gordon. D.F.C. F./O., R.A.A.F.

Born in 1921 at Kurri Kurri.

Educated at Kurri, Maitland High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Mirraview, February, 1941. After training at several bases he became a Staff Pilot at Maryborough (Qld.). After a further course at Melbourne and Mildura he flew his own plane to Port Moresby and North N. Guinea. Congratulated on fine exploratory work. Transferred to New Britian, January, 1944. Again congratulated for fine example in several actions. Mentioned in Despatches. - Decorated. In September, 1945 he flew a Mustang to Labuan, and was bringing a Kittyhawk back to Morotai; he crashed and was killed near Morotai - 21/9/1945.

GOODWIN, Perce Reginald Louis. Sergeant, Artillery, and Bde. Sgt./Major, A.I.F.

Born in 1915 at Marrickville.

Educated at Belmore, Tempe, Ultimo J. T. Schools, Sydney Tech. High and Teachers' College.

On enlistment in 1941 he gained a High Distinction Pass as N.C.O. and was appointed Corporal Instructor. Gained Distinction Passes in higher Army Schools including Artillery. Sent on tour of to lecture on new Bofors guns. Severe accident during heavy mountainous work in Jungle Training.

1950 : Headmaster, Marulan.

GORDON, John Irvine. D.F.C. F./O., R.A.A.F.

Navigator of Lancaster Bomber which crashed into a hill in heavy cloud in England on return from operational mission. All were killed. D.F.C. Citation :

"Successfully completed many missions against the enemy in which he showed the greatest skill, courage and fortitude."

His brother was also killed on War Service with the R.A.A.F.

GORDON, Malcolm Lindsay. L.A.C., R.A.A.F.

Born in 1924 at Ryde.

Educated at Hornsby J.T., Sydney Tech. College and Sydney Teachers' College.

Aircraftsman in July, 1942. Corporal, L.A.C. March, 1943.

His job was listed as Most Secret; it entailed supervising and filling special bombs at St. Mary's Laboratories, and delivering them to special section in New Guinea. Only four in this group. The bomb was a secret combination of anti-personnel and smoke, quite new. When all was ready for its use at Lae the whole issue was accidentally blown up. The four men regarded the job as "Very Interesting and exciting".

Service of four years included in two in New Guinea.

GORE, John A.

Enlisted from Yanderra.

GORDON, Charles William. F./O., R.A.A.F.

Born in 1912 at Tempe. Son of a Teacher.

Educated at Dubbo and Newcastle High Schools and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted in 1942; gained "Distinction" passes in two schools and qualified as Navigator, Bomb-Aimer, Air Gunner and Astro-Navigator, and received his Commission. Posted to Chemical Research Unit at Bowen; the job was to drop chemicals on targets in a manner required by the "Hush Hush" scientists.

Promoted to F/O. In March, 1945 he was with 100 squadron, based on Tadji in New Guinea. From Tadji, 64 sorties over the enemy were made and 58 of these were "Strikes". Lone Flights were also made to Maprik and Yamil areas. This squadron wer softened the enemy for our infantry landings and advances.

1950 : Opossum Creek.

GORRINGE, Keith. Flight/Lieutenant, R.A.A.F.

Enlisted November, 1940. Gained Flying Badge as Sergeant-Pilot, June, 1941. Posted to R.A.F. Squadron for whole of Malayan Campaign in advanced bases. In February, 1942, transferred on H.M.S. "Danae" to Java and then Ceylon.

Served as Pilot Instructor at Uranquinty and Mildura.

Promoted Pilot-Officer November, 1942 and Flying Officer April,. 1943. Graduated at Aircraft Controllers' Course and posted to Trobriand Island, Fighter Section, November 1943. Was Officer-in-Charge of 12 R.A.A.F. attached to American Air Warning Unit to land on Manus Island. This party did splendid work in a very risky operation. Promoted F./Lieut. in March, 1944. Served on and near Manus Island to January, 1945. Then as Instructor and Organiser at Bradfield Park to October, 1945.

1954 : Young.

GOSSCHALK, Abraham Philip. B.A. Lieutenant.

Born in 1915 in London.

Educated Sydney High School, University and Teachers' College.

Service, December, 1941 to April, 1946. Promotions all

steps Private to Lieut. In tropical Queensland from December, 1943 to August, 1945. Then in Vocational Guidance Section of Army Psychological Service to discharge.
1950 : Nowra.

GRANT, Muir Edmund. L.A.C., R.A.A.F.
Served in R.A.A.F. from November, 1942 to February, 1946 in 42 Squadron in Cape York Peninsula and Phillipines.
1954 : Dulwich Hill.

GRANT, Theophilus Leo. Sergeant, Canteen Services, A.I.F.
In Middle East May, 1941 to March, 1942 with 2/1 Survey Regt. Transferred to Canteen Services in Queensland, July, 1942. Promoted Sergeant. Died at Maryborough from heart attack, 30/9/1943.

GRANTHAM, Alfred Kenneth. W./O., A.I.F.
Born in 1903 at Leura.
Educated at Sydney High School, University and Teachers' College.
Service from November, 1941 to December, 1945. Torres Islands in 1942 and Dutch New Guinea, 1943. Promoted all steps from Private to W.O.
1950 : Rozelle.

GRAY, Alfred. B.A. Lieut. 24 Bn., A.I.F.
Born in 1918 at Wollongong.
Educated at Wollongong High School, Sydney University and Sydney Teachers' College.
Enlisted December, 1939. Discharged incapacitated July, 1944. Had excellent passes in Army Schools; promoted all steps from Private to Lieut. Commended by C.O. as an instructor. Seven months in New Guinea.
1950 : Tamworth High School.

GRAY, Arthur Henry. A.I.F.
Born in 1907 at Wollongong.
Educated at Wollongong High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Gained distinction in Army Schools in radio and radar mechanics.
Became seriously ill and was discharged.
1950 : Cranebrook.

GRAY, George Andrew. B.A., B.Ec., D.F.C. Squadron Leader, R.A.A.F.
Born in 1916 at Goulburn.
Educated at Goulburn and Wollongong High Schools and Sydney Teachers' College and University.
Enlisted August, 1940. Embarked as P./O. on "Queen Elizabeth" in July, 1941, for Middle East. From Egypt was posted to Kenya, then to 113 R.A.F. Squadron in Western Desert.
On first armed sortie from Giarabub Oasis, Western Desert. Forced to return with engine on fire. Arrived base on coast in sandstorm at night. Shot at by own defence as damaged Italian bomber. Crashed when burning engine fell out. Result was 3 months' hospitalisation.
Posted to No. 55 R.A.F. Blenheim Squadron in Western Desert for sea reconnaissance.
After operational service ferried No. 55 Squadron Blenheim to India. Squadron then equipped with Baltimores.(twin engined light bomber.)
After Baltimore conversion in Egypt with 55 Squadron detachment to join 223 R.A.F. Squadron operating on close support daylight pattern bombing in formation between 2/7/42 to 11/10/42 with Desert Air Force. During this period 55 Squadron was heavily engaged in attacking Rommel's spearhead in unsuccessful drive for Alexandria through the Alamein line and in the severe daylight bombing and strafing of his supporting aerodromes. Was appointed Acting Flt. during this period.
After 24 operational sorties posted to South Africa to a specialist Navigation course, flying south to Capetown. Seven operational sorties in Anson aircraft after submarines packs harrying Cape convoys.
Instructor in Navigation R.A.F. Station, Nakuru, February, 1943 - May, 1943, when unit flew to Shandur, Egypt, on Suez Canal.
Acted as member of "marshalling" crew for the move of 105 aircraft over the Central African "Jungle" route.

To Tunisia as Navigator with Chief Instructor to study for instructional purposes latest operational techniques with Desert Air Force which was then planning invasion of Sicily.
As Flight Lieutenant was Senior NavigationOfficer, 70 O.T.U., July, 1943 to February, 1944, engaged training South African, Australian, English, Greek, Yugoslav (Royalist) and Turkish navigators. Staff of 54 Navigation Instructors under his control.
Posted454 R.A.A.F. Squadron 1st February, 1944, at Benghazi. Engaged on low level daylight sea abd harbour photographic reconnaissance of Southern Greece, Crete and Aegean Islands. On second sortie of second tour located large merchant ship Melos Harbour which was later sunk by Beaufighters.
Posted for Bombing Leader's Course in Egypt and, on completion, trained 454 Squadron's crews for transfer from reconnaissance to bombing role. From then on reconnaissance inte spersed with bombing sorties. Typical log book entry covering bombing sortie:
2.6.44. - Duty - Leading Navigator and Bomb Aimer No. 2 Baltimore Box of 6. Strike Force 12 Marauders, 12 Baltimores, 18 Spitfires.
Remarks. - Shipping Strike, Heraklion Harbour, Crete, in daylight. Height of attack 14,000 feet. Target M/V "Tanaiis", 1,500 tons at wharf and M/V "Gerda Toft", 2,000 tons, on fire in centre of harbour from previous attack.
Stick straddled both vessels with bombs within 30 feet of "Tanaiis" and at least one direct hit on "Gerda Toft". (Both vessels and a destroyer shown sunk next day.)
454 Squadron flew from Benghasi to Pescara, Italy, in July, 1944 for close support bombing with 8th Army's Desert Air Force. Early targets included Marshalling Yards, Oil Storage tanks and dumps at such places as Ravenna, Imola, and Forli. Later squadron moved to Falconara as 8th Army drove up the E. Coast. Here notified of promotion to Squadron Leader, escorted by Nos. 3, 450 and 451 R.A.A.F. Fighter squadrons, unit moved further north out of the mud of Falconara to Cesenatico on the E. Italian Coast south of Venice.

After completing 57 operational sorties in 2nd tour of operational duty posted from 454 Squadron on 14/1/1945 for return home. Returned to Egypt by air and joined New Zealand convoy for Australia after 4 years' overseas service, 88 sorties and with 950 flying hours logged. Notified of award of D.F.C. on arrival.
posted No. 1 O.T.U. R.A.A.F. East Sale to position of Senior Bombing Officer June, 1945 and remained there training Beaufort crews for duty in S.W. Pacific area until posted for discharge at own request after V.P. day. Discharged 27th September, 1945.
At present on Permanent Air Force Reserve as Squadron Leader.
1950 : Acting Chief Guidance Officer in Dept. of Technical Education.

GRAY, Robin K. Lieutenant, 2/35 Bn., A.I.F.
"Splendid chap generally. Keen as mustard. His men thought the world of him."

GRAYHURST, Allen George. Staff Sergeant, Engineers, A.I.F.
Born in 1921 at Marrickville.
Educated at Ultimo Technical, Sydney Tech. High School and Teachers' College.
Served on engineering works at Port Moresby, Kokoda Trail, and other parts of New Guinea from June, 1942 to February, 1944.
Promoted from Private through all steps to Staff Sergeant.
1950 : Camdenville.

GREEN, William Thomas. P./O., R.A.A.F.
Born in 1914 at Yorkshire.
Educated in England, Maitland High and Sydney Teachers' College.
Trained in Australia as Observer, Air Crew. Posted to Canada and England; served in 179 Squadron and received Commission.
1950 : Headmaster, Stanborough.

GREENAWAY, Alwyn Lawrence. D.F.C. Squadron Leader, R.A.A.F.
Resigned from teaching to join Permanent Air Force, became Education Officer at Point Cook Staff College.
Citation for D.F.C.

Flight Lieutenant GREENAWAY has completed 261 hours of operational flying during the nine months he has been with No. 2 G.R./B. Squadron, and has participated in 15 strikes, 2 shipping sweeps and 18 other sorties.

Throughout his tour he has displayed exceptional keenness and leadership in the performance of the duties of Squadron Bombing Leader.

On the 13th August, 1944, as bomb-aimer for one formation, he participated in the daylight strike against Langoer Aerodrome. In the face of intense, heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire he carried out a fifty second straight and level bombing run and succeeded in placing the formation's bomb load straight down the centre of the strip.

Flight Lieutenant GREENAWAY has displayed ability of a consistently high standard. His courage and devotion to duty are worthy of the highest praise.

GREENBERG, Henry R.

GREENING, Michael Gillingham. Staff Sgt., Royal Engineers.
Born in 1917 in Surrey.
Educated in London. Teacher Training in Hereford-shire in 1947-48. Entered N.S.W. Teaching in 1951.
In 1940 on Docks Defence and attack on Namsos in Norway.
Then on Coast Defence and transport of Rail Mounted Super-Heavy Batteries and Railway Operation. In 1944 was transferred to Calcutta on Hqrs. movements duties.
1953 : Tooleybuc.

† GREENSTREET, Arthur. Private,
Extract from "Federation".

"Private Arthur Greenstreet was killed in action in New Guinea on March 8. By his passing the State has lost one of its best teachers and the teaching fraternity one of its finest members. He will long be remembered by both teachers and pupils of the schools in which he served - Ashfield, Kurri Kurri and Ashfield.

Arthur's enlistment was typical of most of his actions. For months his repeated applications for permission to enlist were rejected, but on the death of his brother in Malaya his applications were so insistent that the Department yielded.

His letters from New Guinea brought home to their readers the magnitude of the task which the Australians have been allotted, and the satisfaction which it gave him that he was fighting to uphold a cause in which he had implicit faith; his cheery confidence never wavered.

We who had the good fortune of sharing Arthur's friendship know that we have suffered an irreparable loss, but we feel that "to live in hearts we leave behind is not to die". A.V.W.

GRIFFITHS, Charles William. Lieutenant, 14 Field Regt., A.I.F.
Born in 1909 at Stawell (Victoria).
Educated at Townsville, Rockhampton, Brisbane, Orange and Sydney Teachers' College.
Enlisted 1941. Served on beach defence on North Coast. At Port Moresby from June, 1942 to March, 1943; Milne Bay, Goodenough Is., where he received Commission, Milne Bay and Port Moresby. Field promotions were from A./Bdr., Sgt., W.O., Lieutenant.
1950 : Secondary J. T. School, Ashfield.

GRIFFITH, George William. F./Lieut., R.A.A.F.
Born in 1910 at Harden.
Educated at Singleton, Fort St., and Sydney Teachers' College.
Enlisted April, 1941 in Air Crew, after eight months on Reserve. Graduated as Observer in January, 1942 and promoted P./O. With 32 Squadron on convoys and anti-submarine work; then with 6 sqdn. at Milne Bay, Goodenough Is., and other parts of New Guinea. Promoted F./O. and F./Lt. Posted in May, 1944 to three Air Schools as Navigation Instructor.
1950 : Deputy H.M., Wyong.

GROUT-SMITH, Charles Thomas. B.Sc. Squadron Leader, R.A.A.F.
Born in 1908 at Zeehan (Tasmania).
Educated at Sydney High School, University and Teachers' College.

On enlistment in R.A.A.F. in 1941 was ranked P./O. Completed administrative and radar courses; posted to Radar Stations in Torres Straits and Kiama. Appointed Area Radar Officer responsible for installation and supervision of 14 stations in Westralia, from Albury to Derby, to December, 1943. Then, after three months on R.A.A.F. War Staff Course, was posted to Darwin and N.W. area as Area Radar Officer and Asst. Cheif Signals Officer for 26 Radar Stations - April, 1944 to August, 1945.
promotions : F./O., June, 1942. F./Lt., February, 1943, Acting Squadron Leader, November, 1943 and Squadron Leader, September, 1944.
1950 : Deputy Headmaster, Macksville High School.

GROVES, Lachlan Macquarie. Leading Aircraftsman, R.A.A.F.
Born in 1906 at Dubbo.
Educated at Armidale High School and Sydney Teachers' College.
Served as Instrument Repairer, Instrument Maker and Link Trainer Maintenance Operator at Uranquinty, Narrandera and Forest Hill.
1950 : Wollongong.

HABERECHT, Victor Lawrence. Captain, 2 M.G. Training Bn.
Born in 1906 at Jindera.
Educated at Henty, Wagga High School and Sydney Teachers' College.
Enlisted March, 1939. Security Service at Hume Weir and Dumps. Did splendid work with new units in Victoria, N.S.W. and Queensland. Was Adjutant in moulding 5 M.G. Bn., 2 M.G. Training Bn. Was highly regarded as a Specialist in all Infantry work, and received rapid promotions. Cpl. Sept. 1939; Sgt. January, 1940; Lieut, May, 1940; Captain, January, 1941. On account of age was seconded to Training Bns. when unit went overseas. For five months he was Acting C.O. of 2 M.G. Bn.
1950 : North Wagga.

HACK, James Macquarie. Sergeant, 2/5 Field Regt., A.I.F.
Born in 1914 at Kempsey.
Educated at Kempsey High School and Armidale Teachers' College.
Enlisted March, 1941; sailed on "Queen Elizabeth" 2/9/41 for

Palestine. Transferred to Artillery; came second top in Middle East School of Signals and in Gunnery; joined 2/5 Field Regiment in Syria in December, 1941. Returned to Adelaide in March, 1942. Sailed to New Guinea, September, 1942. Served at Port Moresby, Milne Bay, Buna. Had serious attacks of malaria. In November, 1943 was flown from Moresby to Buna; thence by barges to Scarlet Beach to join 2/12 Field Coy. In action at Satelberg, Wareo and other points on Huon Peninsula. After 17 months' service in New Guinea the Unit was flown from Nadzab back to Port Moresby, en route to Australia. In May, 1945, sailed to Morotai and thence to Balikpapan. In action during whole North Borneo Campaign. After Jap. surrender he served on Unit Education. Discharged, December, 1945.

1950 : Dorrigo District Rural School.

HALL, Edwin William. Lieut. 6th Independent Co., A.I.F.

Enlisted from Wantabadgery.

Died in Army Hospital, Brisbane, 28/7/1942.

HALLETT, Henry Hubert Leahy. Brigade Major, Victoria Barracks, Newcastle, Miller's Point.

Born in 1892 at Carmarthen, Wales. Served in 1914-1918 War in France and India. In the Second World War did fine work in recruiting and training units at Dapto, Wollongong, Paddington, Newcastle and North Sydney. Finished as Brigade Major, North Sydney.

1950 : Deputy Headmaster, East Lindfield.

HALPIN, John. Captain, Inf. Training Bn.

Served in First World War as Sergeant with 12 Light Horse Regt.

Enlisted from Chatswood, Died, Randwick Military Hospital, in May, 1941. V. First World War.

HAMILTON, William Edward. Sergeant, A.I.F.

Born in 1918 at Bellingen.

Educated at St. John's College, Woodlawn and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted May, 1941. Served in Middle East September, 1941 to April, 1942; in New Guinea November, 1943 to October, 1944; in Bougainville

October, 1944 to November, 1945. Was Sergeant Lecturer in New Guinea and Bougainville.

1950 : Tewinga.

HANCOCK, Harold Slack. B.A. Captain, Army Education Service.

Born in 1908 at Salford, England.

Educated at Parramatta High School, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Private in Infantry and Gunner in Artillery to June, 1942. Then, as he had been a University Tutorial Lecturer, he was made a Lieutenant in Army Education Service, in which he did outstanding and original work. Areas in which he organised educational services were Darwin, Alice Springs, Torres Straits, Queensland and New Guinea. He gave 34 lectures a week, often in a boxing arena to 1,000 men. He combined good music and singing among the educational lectures; he enrolled hundreds for correspondence courses; every island north of Australia, where troops were stationed was visited by him; projectors showed documentary films every night. Commended by high officers on several occasions.

Contracted chronic dermatitis in the island.

1950 : Deputy Headmaster, Goulburn High School.

HANCOX, Colin Drake. Lieut. R.A.N.V.R. and Staff Officer, Seaward Defences.

Born in 1913 at Drummoyne.

Educated at Sydney High School and Teachers' College.

Was in R.A.N. Reserve when mobilised in August, 1939 as Sick Berth Attendant. Served in H.M.A.S. "Penguin" and promoted Lieut., R.A.N.V.R. On H.M.A.S. "Glenelg"was on escort work in S.W. Pacific New Guinea waters and Morotai. Between October, 1944 and July, 1945 he completed a long Anti-Submarine Course and was appointed Staff Officer Seaward Defences throughout Australia. He wrote the War History of H.M.A.S. "Rushcutter".

1950 : Gladesville.

HANDSAKER, Gordon Keith. F./ Sgt., R.A.A.F.

Born in 1919 at Allandale.

Secondary Education as Bursar at Newcastle, Orange and Wagga.

Trained at Sydney Teachers' College.

In Air Crew Reserve, August, 1941. Promoted all steps to Flight Sergeant Instructor. After Service Flying Course at Uranquinty he was grounded, promoted Sergeant and posted to Central Flying School at Point Cook. Engaged in Instructing Instructors at Refresher Courses. Promoted F./Sgt. with the highest obtainable grade as Instructor.

1954 : Headmaster Jennings.

HANSCOMBE, Donald E. F./Sergeant, R.A.A.F. Bomber Squadron.

Enlisted from Woy Woy.

Killed in Action in France on his first mission over enemy.

HANSEN, Leslie James. F./Lieut., R.A.A.F.

Born in 1916 at Liverpool.

Educated at Muswellbrook, Maitland High School, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Overseas from November, 1942 to September, 1945. Trained in Rhodesia. Promoted P.O. Air Instructor in Egypt for two years. Promoted F./Lieut. Mentioned in Despatches. Had 1,800 flying hours.

1953 : Bourke.

HANSFORD, Flight Sergeant, R.A.A.F.

Killed in Action over Germany.

HARDEN, Robert George. Specialist First Class Computer, Artillery, A.I.F.

Born in 1903 at Narrandera.

Educated at Goulburn High School and Sydney Teachers' College.

Served in Middle East from September, 1941 to March, 1942. in New Guinea from September, 1942 to February, 1944.

1950 : Headmaster, Wyong.

HARRIS, Kemp Telfer. Gunner, 2/9 Army Field Regt.

Born in 1911 at Honolulu.

Educated at Broken Hill High School and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted June, 1940. Discharged medically unfit in March, 1941.

1950 : Headmaster, Dudley.

HARRISON, Colin Gladstone. B.A. W.O., Navigator, R.A.A.F.

On enlistment in January, 1943 was Wireless Navigator, Air Crew. Served in England in 1944 and 1945. Had three flights over Germany in Heavy Lancaster Bombers just before V.E. Day.

1950 : Randwick High School.

+ HARRISON, Thomas. Warrant Officer.

Born in 1917.

Educated at Kurri, Cessnock High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Climsland.

Missing. Killed in Action.

HART, Vernon Francis. W.O., R.A.A.F.

Born in 1921.

Educated at Coff's Harbour I. H. School and Armidale Teachers' College.

After training in Australia from May to September, 1942, went to Canada to Calgary, Mossbank, Patricia Bay and Halifax. Arrived in England 1/12/1943. Was in 31 raids over Germany and Occupied Territory. Promotions were A.C.2, L.A.C., Sergeant, F./Sgt., W.O. Recommended twice for gallantry and devotion to duty.

1950 : Dorrigo.

HART, William Edward. M.A.(Honours), Dip.Ed. Captain, Army Psychology Service, A.I.F.

Born in 1912 at Kogarah.

Educated at Canterbury High School, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Enlisted as Private in A.I.F. in 1942. Was in various A.I.F. establishments from Tasmania to Torres Strait; on active service

in Torres Strait islands. Appointed O.C. Psychology Service. Promotions were Lieutenant, December, 1942 and Captain in February, 1945.

On discharge was Acting Senior Guidance Officer, Education Department; then Lecturer in Education at Teachers' College, and Part Time Teaching Fellow, Psychology Dept. of University. Inspector of Schools.

HARTIGAN, Leonard Samuel. Corporal, 2/1 A.A.S.C. and 16th Bde., A.A.S.C.

Born in 1905 at Boggabri.

Educated at Cleveland St. and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted in June, 1940. Sailed in "Queen Elizabeth" to Middle East, June, 1941. Served in Palestine, Syria and Ceylon. Was near Port Moresby for seven months in 1942-43, and again for a year from December, 1944. Promoted Corporal. In Jap. attack in Ceylon, Easter, 1942; Kokoda Trail, and Aitape-Wewak Campaign.

1950 : Cox's River.

HARVEY, Austin Geoffrey. B.A. Sergeant, A.I.F.

Born in 1916 at Wagga.

Educated at Wagga High School and Sydney Teachers' College.

Served in all actions in Malaya; escaped a few hours before the fall of Singapore in a party led by Major Terry; their small boat was destroyed by Jap. planes near Sumatra; used small craft to H.M.S. "Danae" and Java, and Dutch cargo boat to Fremantle.

1950 : Missabotti.

HAVILAH, William C.

Enlisted from Tenterfield. Wounded. Resigned.

HAY, Francis James. Sgt. Light Anti-Aircraft Regt. A.I.F.

Born in 1922 at Summer Hill.

Educated at Christian Bros. High School, Lewisham and Sydney Teachers' College. (1940-41)

Was Corporal in University Regt. on enlistment 1/4/1942.

Promoted Sergeant at Cowra N.C.O. Training School, and retained

as Instructor. Trained A.W.A.S. N.C.O.'s and V.D.C. Officers. Transferred to Light Anti-Aircraft Batteries and served 13 months in Bougainville.

1953 : Newtown Secondary Technical School.

HAYES, Neil. B.A. — Sergeant, Field Security, Enemy Equipment and Army Education, A. I. F.

Born in 1916 at Leichhardt.

Educated at Fort St. High School, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Services were mainly instructional in several camps, including Jungle Warfare. In February, 1944, transferred to Field Security Wing of Intelligence Corps and Enemy Equipment Section a small body formed to gather and disseminate information about new enemy equipment. This Section joined 7 Div. in Balikpapan Landing, July, 1945.

1950 : Headmaster, Quandialla.

HAZELWOOD, Mervyn Horace. — P./O., R.A.A.F.

Born in 1922 at Gloucester, N.S.W.

Educated at Maitland High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Called up December, 1942; was promoted Sergeant at Point Cook, Flight Sergeant in S. Australia; W.O. and P.O. in Westralia. Served in New Guinea with 100 Squadron.

1950 : Muswellbrook.

HEALY, Gerald David. — Sergeant : Hygiene and Malaria Control Unit, A.I.F.

Born in 1914 at Woonona.

Educated at Fort St High School and Teachers' College, Sydney.

Served in Darwin and had ears damaged by bomb bursts; also at other Northern Territory centres. In 1943 he did so well at the Hygiene Inspectors' Course at Melbourne that he was promoted Sergeant in Hygiene and Malaria Control Unit, and served in New Guinea, Nooemfoor Island and Morotai Island.

1950 : Welfare Officer, Head Office.

HEATH, Stanley George. Wireless and Radar Mechanic, R.A.A.F.

Born in 1910 at Teralba.

Educated at Newcastle High School and Sydney Teachers' College.

After training at Sydney Tech. College he served as Wireless Assistant at Wagga and Bankstown Aerodromes; later he qualified as a Wireless and Radar Mechanic, and was posted to Townsville for overseas service. Moved to Morotai in January, 1945 and then to Tarakan and North Borneo generally.

1950 : Headmaster of Wooli.

HEINS, Alfred Ronald. F./O., R.A.A.F.

Trained at Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Belmore Central School.

Killed while ferrying planes from America to England, 1944.

HENNESSY, Harold Victor. Corporal, 2/12 Bn., A.I.F.

Born in 1914 at Narrandera.

Educated at Narrandera, Yanco, Leeton High School and Sydney Teachers' College.

In camp at Wagga and Tamworth from August, 1940 to February, 1941, when he sailed on "Queen Elizabeth" for Palestine. Joined 2/13 Bn. in Tobruk in July, 1941. This Battalion was the only Australian Bn. in the Second Libyan Campaign; he was in the stirring and historic bayonet charges at Ed Duda. The Bn. left Tobruk to travel overland to Palestine - 16/12/1941. The Bn. guarded Syria and Turkish Border to July, 1942, and then went to Egypt to take a prominent part in El Alamein Campaign in October. Hennessy was wounded; rejoined Bn. in December; returned to Australia with unit in "Aquatania" in February, 1943. Sent to hospital from Cairns, seriously ill with scrub fever; rejoined Bn. in December, 1943 at Finschhafen, took part in Houn Peninsula Campaigns - promoted Corporal - and two landings in Borneo - Sarawak and Brunei.

1950 : Jerrara.

HENRY, Irwin Stack. Corporal, A.I.F.

Born in 1911 at Sydney.

Educated at Canterbury High and Sydney University.

Served in Palestine in 1941 and Egypt in 1941-42. Was in hospital at Kantara. After return to Australia served in 1944 and 1945 in the Lae Campaign and other centres in New Guinea. In hospital at Warwick.

1950 : Clerk in Head Office.

HEY, William. Trainee Pilot, R.A.A.F.

Born in 1919 in Devon (England).

Educated at Earlwood, North N ewtown, Newington College and Sydney Teachers' College.

Trainedin R.A.A.F. at Bradfield Park and Temora; in Canada seven months in 1943. At Morotai and Labuan Is. from April, 1945 to end of war. A trainee pilot and wireless mechanic.

1950 : Yowaka, near Pambula.

HIDER, Robert Henry. P./O., R.A.A.F.

Educated at Canterbury High School and Sydney Teachers' College.

Flight Officer A.R. Barnes writes :

"I was a very close friend of P./O. Robert Hider, who lost his life over Amboina in his first raid as a Navigator. He was a most gallant and extremely popular young man. He was the Jones Medallist in 1941 at Sydney Teachers' College, and his untimely death has deprived this State of one who was destined to be a great teacher. His friends, who numbered hundreds, subscribed at the War's end to a fund which has established a "Robert Henry Hider Memorial Prize for History" at his old school, Canterbury High, to perpetuate his memory in a way I know he would have heartily approved. "

HILL, Elliott Douglas Yabsley. B.Ec. Sergeant, R.A. Engineers, Darwin Special Force.

Born in 1914 at Wahroonga.

Educated at Coraki, Lismore High School and Armidale Teachers' College.

Volunteered for R.A.A.F. in 1940 but was rejected on medical grounds. Was accepted in Darwin Special Force Engineers in Feb., 1941, and immediately sent to Darwin. Promoted Sapper, Corporal, Sergeant. Discharged medically unfit, December, 1941.
1950 : Secondary Department, Correspondence School, Black-Friars.

HILLARD, John Sameul. Signaller, Radar Service, R.A.A.F.

Born in 1919 at Armidale.
Educated at De la Salle College and Teachers' College, Armidale.
After training at Bradfield Park, Tocumwal and Point Cook Signals School, served from September, 1943 to February, 1945 in various centres in New Guinea with a mobile Radar Station of 30 members. At Sio, in North New Guinea, with no other unit of any kind within 60 miles, they spent 13 months. Hillard became unfit through severe malaria and dermatitis.
1950 : Tingha.

HINDLEY, Andrew Ronald. Corporal, Radar, R.A.A.F.

Born in 1918 at Teralba.
Educated at Cessnock High School and Armidale Teachers' College.
After training at Ingleburn was appointed to Radar Station, Rottnest Island, and served there, 1943-46 as Corporal Radar Maintenance Mechanic.
1950 : Belmont.

HINES, Walter Aubyn. F./Lieut., R.A.A.F.

Born in 1917 at Cessnock.
Educated at Cessnock High School, Newcastle High School and Sydney Teachers' College.
Trained in Australia April, to June, 1942 and in Canada August to December. Served in England January, 1943 to 1945 in many operational tours. While crashing near London he baled out. Was Instructor in Bomb-aiming. Promotions were L.A.C., Sergeant, F./Sgt., W.O., O./O., F./O., F./Lieut.
1950 : Rozelle Secondary Technical School.

HINSHAW, Alfred Laurence. B.A. W.O., Army Education, A.I.F.

Born in 1920 at West Wallsend.

Educated at Cessnock High School, Armidale Teachers' College and Sydney University.

Served in Australia; where he was retained, from February, 1942 to December, 1946. As a Weapon Instructor at Bathurst in 1942-43 he was promoted Corporal and Sergeant; was then selected as a Psychological Examiner and promoted Warrant Officer.

1950 : School Counsellor, Tamworth.

HISCOCK, Arnold A. Private, A.I.F.

Enlisted from Ningan.

Prisoner of War.

HOBAN, Robert Spence. F./O., R.A.A.F.

Born in 1912 at Largs near Maitland.

Educated at Maitland High School and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted in 1942 in R.A.A.F. Selected for Navigator's Course and commenced this in June, 1943 at Edmonton, Canada. Promoted Sergeant Navigator in November, 1943 and sailed from Halifax for England. Promoted F./Sergeant in May, 1944. In hospital for three months with pneumonia. In December, 1944 joined 467 Australian Squadron in Lincolnshire; by V.E.Day he had completed 26 raids over Germany, France and Czechoslovakia. Promoted P./O and F./O. during this period.

+ HOCKEY, Gordon John R. F./O., R.A.A.F.

Born in 1916.

Educated at De la Salle College, Armidale, Christian Bros., Tamworth and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Selly Oak in 1940. Won his Wings in Canada. Returned to Australia for S.W. Pacific operations. Killed on return from a Catalina operational flight by crashing into Cleveland Bay, Queensland, 7/9.1943.

HODGE, Alan J. B. — Corporal Fitter, Army Workshops, A.I.F.

Born in 1904 at Broken Hill.

Education at Broken Hill and Sydney Teachers' College.

Entered camp 1.7.41; in Palestine and Sinai 1/9/41 to 28/2/43. After return to Australia, served in New Guinea in Buna, Lae and Wau Campaigns. Joined Army Education in July, 1945.

1950: Headmaster, Mitchell's Island.

HODGE, Alfred Harold, B.Ec. — F./Lieut., R.A.A.F.

Born in 1904 at Hill End.

Educated at Bathurst High School, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Enlisted March, 1942; Infantry to March, 1943 when transferred to R.A.A.F. as A.C.2. Promoted Pilot Officer, April, 1943. Was Staff Officer with a roving commission as Group Education Officer. Visited Bundaberg, Tocumwal, Nowra and Narromine and air stations in between. Promoted F./O., October, 1943. In May, 1944 was posted to Directorate of Educational Services in Melbourne as Staff Officer; toured three States lecturing with films, purchasing books for library, and organising Units Education. Promoted F./Lieut. Editor of "Fortnightly Review of Educational Services". Visited Westralia, Darwin, Ambon, Morotai and Borneo on lectures with Professor E. Browne of Melbourne University. Resumed Teaching, January, 1946.

HOFFMAN, Clive Hamilton. M.A., Dip.Ed. — Captain, 2/1 Field Artillery Regt. and Army Education Service.

Born in 1912 at Narrabri.

Educated at Parramatta High School, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

After service in the Militia for a year, he enlisted in A.I.F. in April, 1940. Promoted Lieutenant and served with Field Artillery in Middle East, Ceylon, and New Guinea. Promoted Captain and posted to Army Education. Service as North Queensland Education Officer.

1950: Lecturer, Newcastle Teachers' College.

HOOK, Raymond Beauvais F./O., R.A.A.F.

Born 1912 at Narrabri.

Educated at Lismore High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Trained in Australia from October, 1942 to March, 1943, and in Canada from April to December, 1943. Promotions were A.C.2., L.A.C., Corporal, P./O., and Flying Officer. On medical advice was grounded in Canada, returned to Adelaide in March, 1944 as Instructor, posted to Sale in Feb., 1945 as a member of the Administrative Staff.

1950: Nashua, near Lismore.

HOOPER, William Edward. F./O., R.A.A.F.

Born 1918 at Port Macquarie.

Educated at Parramatta High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Served with Militia in 1940. In 1941 was on Beach Defence near Newcastle. Transferred to R.A.A.F. as Air Crew, in July, 1942 went to Canada as Bomb-aimer on heavy bomber, arrived in England, March, 1944 as Sergeant. In 25 raids over Germany and Occupied Europe between 11/11/44 and 16/4/45, having spent 203 hours' flying time in Lancaster Bombers. Promoted P./O., and F./O. His Squadron Leader writes: "I recommended him twice".

1950: Lakemba

HOPMAN, Richard. C. de G. F./O., R.A.A.F.

Born 1915 at Glen Innes.

Educated at Summer Hill, Sydney High and Teachers' College.

Enlisted Feb., 1941. Served with 9 Squadron at Rathmines. Posted to England, via U.S.A. in July, 1943 as Sgt. Pilot. Took part in 31 raids over enemy territory, promoted to F/O. and awarded Croix de Everre. On one return crashed off the coast of England, the crew swam over a mile to shore.

1950: Tharwa near Canberra.

HORNE, Cecil Thomas C.Q.M.S. 13 Garrison Bn.

Born 1900 at Sydney.

Educated Parramatta and Fort Street High Schools, Hereford House and Sydney Teachers' College.

Was in camp at Port Kembla for defence of steel works and Wollongong from Dec., 1941 to May, 1942. Promoted Corporal.

Served next on Moreton Is., May to December, 1942 and on Thursday Is. Dec., 1942 to end of war. Promoted C.Q.M.S. at Thursday Island.

1950: Headmaster, Huskisson.

HORNE, Murray. W.O., R.A.A.F.

Born 1923 at Armidale.

Educated at Parramatta High and Sydney Teachers' College

Enlisted in January, 1943 in Air Crew as A.C.2. After passing well in three schools was promoted Leading Aircraftsman, then graduated as Wireless Airgunner with rank of Sergeant. Embarked for England via Capetown. Served on Lancaster Bombers at several centres in Britain, promoted F./Sgt. and W.O.

1950: Mittagong.

HORTON, Gregory. F./O., R.A.A.F.

Born 1922 at Cessnock

Ed. at St. Joseph's Hunter's Hill and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted May, 1942, and trained as Pilot and Wireless Operator - Served in England from Oct., 1943 to January, 1946, and took part in many raids over Germany, Czechoslovakia, and France.

Promoted to Flying Officer. Recommended by Squadron Leader for consistent high standards in preparation and in combat.

1950: Special Art Teacher, Penrith High School.

HORTON, Sidney Noel Peace Sgt. Transport and Infantry, A.I.F.

Born 1918 at Parkes.

Educated Parkes High, Armidale Teachers' College.

Retained in several camps as Instructor. Seriously injured in truck accident in Queensland - June, 1945.

1950: Teacher-in-Charge, Gunningbland.

HOURIGAN, Harold James. Gunner 2/3 A.A. Regt.

Born 1906 in Westralia

Education at St. Joseph's College and Teachers' College, Sydney.

Overseas service at Milne Bay, March to October, 1943 and at Labuan and Borneo, May to Sept., 1945. Suffered tropical jungle illnesses.

1950: Headmaster, Double Bay.

HOWARD, Herbert Oliver B.A. F.Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1915 at South Kensington, Sydney.

Educated at Fort Street, University and Teachers' College, Sydney.

Accepted in January, in R.A.A.F. as Honorary Flying Officer and served as Education Officer. Taught principles of flight, navigation and aircraft recognition to trainee pilots at Narrandera from January, 1941 to January, 1943. Went to Canada January, 1943, investigated training methods, and latest discoveries in flying techniques. On return in July he took courses in Meteorology at Central Weather Bureau in Melbourne and at Bairnsdale and included this in his teaching subjects. Promoted Flight Lieutenant.

On transfer to Central Flying School - July 1944 to November, 1945 - he took a Flying Course at the so-called "University of the Air", where Flying Instructors were trained, he concentrated on Principles of Flight, and was expected to answer any question on the subject from staff or trainee instructors. Experimental Flights were made to test the method of turning in m nimum space, climbing by the steepest path etc. For this work he was awarded a "Card for Good Service". On sevenal occasions Professor G.R.Browne brought groups of University Education Students to listen in and observe these lessons, in which films were effectively used.

HOWARD, Reginald Charles. Craftsman, Radar, A.I.F.

Born 1917, Singleton.

Educated St. Joseph's Hunter's Hill, Armidale Teachers' College.

Service January, 1943 to September, 1946,

With Radio Maintenance on islands in Torres Strait.

1951: Macksville High.

HUGHES, Harold Francis. W.O., 2/17 Light A.A. Battery

Born 1915 at Sydney.

Educated at De La Salle, Armidale and Sydney Teachers' College.

After service in Australia, November 1941 to May, 1942 served at Moresby, Milne Bay, Oro Bay and Goodenough Is. to July, 1944. Promoted to Warrant Officer. Did anti-aircraft shooting in approximately 100 air raids, also had charge of paying and transport recofds. On return to Australia visited most Italian

P.O.W. camps in N.S.W. to arrange for their employment in rural work. He spoke Italian.

1950: Willala.

HURST, Norman George. F./Sergeant, R.A.A.F.

Born 1920, Enlisted as a Student of Armidale Teachers' College in December, 1941. After training as a Gunner with University Regiment, he transferred to theR.A.A.F. Air training took place in Australia and England. He was Kelled in Action as Wireless Operator in Lancaster Squadron while bombing Dormund Canal, 23.9.1944.

HURRELL, George F/O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1910 at Sheffield (England). Educated Goulburn High, Sydney Teachers' College.

Infantry training 1940 to April, 1943. Promoted to Sgt. "A splended instructors" transferred to R.A.A.F., April, 1943. With Mobile Torpedo Squadron north of Australia and in Pacific. Visited many small islands. Promoted all steps to F/O. On one occasion he was C.O. 49 Air Force of U.S.A.

1950: Telopea Park.

HUTCHINGS, Kelvin F./Sergeant, R.A.A.F.

Born 1910. Educated at Grafton High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Grafton, October, 1942. Was first rejected but underwent an operation in order to serve. Completed Air Training in Canada. Promoted from L.A.C. to W.O. and F/Sgt. Took part in more than twenty raids over Germany.

"The loss of F/S. K. Hutchings has deprived the Squadron of an Air Bomber of great promise whose characteristic skill and courage were an inspiration to us all."

O.C. No. 460. Squadron R.A.A.F.

Killed In Action Aircraft crash after raid into enemy territory 14.1.45. Buried at Cambridge.

HYSLOP. Andrew Lieutenant, 2/30. Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1903 at Pelaw Main.

Educated at Kurri and Maitland High Schools andSydney Teachers' College. Was headmaster of Lavington when he enlisted in July, 1940. Promoted Corporal and joined 2/30th Battalion, A.I.F. at Tamworth.

Promoted Sergeant and Intelligance Sergeant. Arrived at Singapore in August. As Intelligence Sgt. he made many tours aound Singapore and as far north as Messing, and trained his section in map reading, compass work, security, etc. In September the Battalion moved to Batu Pahat. He was in every action from Gemas on 13.1.42 - including Gemas Ambush on 15.1.42 - to the Fall of Singapore, 14.2.42. As P.O.W. he suffered much. In April was sent to Burma - Thailand Railway. Was in the Jungle March of 200 miles - 27th April to 17th May. Many died in this, During the monsoon period - June to September - his party was in a waterlogged jungle, where hundreds died. On completion of the railway they returned, December 1943 to Sihgapore. Was liberated September, 1945.

Before leaving Australia he was recommended for his commission, but being over 30 this was not given. However, in Malaya, after being recommended for gallantry, initiative, and reconnaissance jobs, he was promoted Lieutenant three days before the surrender of Singapore.

1950: Headmaster of Kingsgrove.

IFE, George Lorimer — F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1908 at Hobart.

Educated at The Hutchins School, Hobart, University of Tasmania, and Sydney Teachers' College.

Served in R.A.A.F. from January, 1942 to October, 1945.

After a School of Administration at Melbourne he was posted as Operations Officer at Fighter Sect Hqrs. Townsville, Promoted Pilot Officer. From May, 1942 to August, 1943, was at No. 4 Fighter Section Headquarters at Port Moresby, promoted F/O. in August, 1942. Promoted F/Lieut and posted to 73 Wing Headquarters at Kiriwina - December, 1943 to March, 1944. With 78 Squadron at C. Gloucester, Tadji, Hollandia and Noemfor Is. from March to September, 1944, and on 74 Wing Headquarters at Port Moresby September, 1944 to January, 1945.

1950: Granville Secondary Technical School.

INGRAM, Cryil Keith, B.A. B.Ec. — Sgt. 1 Aust. C.R.E. New Guinea Forests.

Born 1912 Macleay River.

Educated Frederickton, Kempsey High, Armicale Teachers' College.

New England University College, Sydney University. Corporal and Sargeant Instructor in New South Wales and Queensland camps, 1941 to 1944 (March). Fourteen months in New Guinea Campaigns. From October, 1944 to August, 1945, was Botanist and Wood Technologist (New Guinea Forests) Hqrs. 1st Australian Engineers.

1950 : Mudgee High

INGRAM, Everard M.

(son of A. W. Ingram, Headmaster of Cammeray.)

INGRAM, Walter Keith. Staff Captain and Adjutant, Works Coys., A.I.F.

Born in 1902 at Strathfield.

Educated at Randwick Public and Christian Bros. College, Waverley, and Sydney Teachers' College. Enlisted in 18th Bn. in 1939. Promoted L/Corporal, Corporal and Sergeant within a few months. Promoted Lieutenant March, 1941, and was on Beach Defences of Northern Sydney and Port Kembla. In June, 1942, transferred as 2nd In Charge to 21 Works Coy., a unit working on wharves on priority loading to war areas, appointed Acting Staff Captain Labour, N.S.W. Lines of Communication Area. Seconded to A.I.F. September, 1942. He was refused permission to go overseas until August, 1944. Served at Lae and Bougainville as Second in Charge and Adjutant of 38 Works Coy; unloading and transporting munitions and stores to units.

Suffered broken shoulder Blade and crushed hand in truck accident in 1942.

1950 : Pretty Beach, Woy Woy.

IVERS, Oliver Henry. Private, A.I.F.

Born in 1916. Educated at Taree High and Armidale Teachers' College. Enlisted from Rollands Plains, April, 1942. After training with Sydney University Regiment, he was selected to be a Corporal Instructor at Cowra, but was killed in car smash en route.

JAMES, Evan Morcombe. B.A., Cpl. A.I.F. 29/46 Bn.

Born 1923 at Burwood. Educated Lismore High and Armidale Teachers' College, University of Sydney. Infantry and Jungle training Nov. 1941 to January, 1943. Promoted Corporal. In six engagements in

New Guinea. Transferred to Brigade Headquarters for Intelligence work. Served then at Jacquinot Bay, New Britain and Rabaul. Severe malaria attacks. Discharged June, 1946.

1950 : Erskineville .

JAMES, Evan Morris. Lieutenant, Army Education Service, A.I.F.

Born 1905 in Cardiganshire. Educated at Aberystwyth, Wales and Sydney Teachers' College. Enlisted January, 1942. Was Driver in Transport Company at Alice Springs. Promoted Sergeant in June, 1943, and Lieutenant in March, 1944, when he was transferred as Education Officer with 7 Div. Artillery, and was in Borneo for three months. He completed his Army Education Service, 31.10.46, as Officer-in-Charge of Correspondence Section at Sydney Technical College.

1950 : Daroobalgie.

JAMES, Raymond Cecil. F/Lieutenant., R.A.A.F.

Born in 1920 in Murwillumbah. Educated at Murwillumbah High and Armidale Teachers' College. Served with Militia from 1939 to 1942. Promoted Corporal. Joined R.A.A.F. March, 1942; on completing six schools in Australia he was commissioned as P/O. In August, 1943 he commences seven months training in Canada as Navigator, promoted F/O, arrived in England March, 1944, and was posted to 10 Squadron, R.A.A.F., serving with it until August, 1945. Promoted F/Lieutenant. His main work was anti-submarine patrols and convoying.

1950 : Middle Pocket, Billinudgel.

JAMES, William Charles Edward. F/O, R.A.A.F.

Born in 1913 in Wales. Educated at Cessnock High and Sydney Teachers' College. Enlisted 1939 in Air Crew, was not called up till April, 1941. Promoted L.A.C. Sailed to Canada in September, 1941. Promoted after five courses to Sergeant and F/Sergeant. At Dorval R.A.F. station in Montreal he took on Atlantic Flying Course and flew a Hudson from Gander, Newfoundland to Prestwick, Scotland, 22/12/42. The time was 9 hours 35 minutes and included 7 hours night flying. Posted to North Africa by air arrived at Ras el Ma 27.6.43. Promoted W.I.O. and joined R.A.F. on rocket firing Hudsons...the first squadron in the world to be so equipped. With 608 Squadron R.A.F. in Sicily and Italy. Promoted P/O and F/O. Completed 30

raids. Posted to Khartoum on Nile, Nov. to Feb. 1945 for a rest period of communication flying. Total operation hours as First Pilot were 254 day and 191 night, total flying hours as Pilot were 1,005.

1950 : Headmaster, Greystanes.

+ JARRETT, Warren W

Enlisted from Muscle Creek.

JEFFERY, Keith Gordon. W/O., R.A.A.F.

Born 1924 at Kempsey. Educated at Kempsey High School and Armidale Teachers' College, 1946-7. Enlisted at the age of 18 in March, 1943. Received Pilor't Flying Badge and was promoted Sergeant, Feb. 1944 at the age of 19. England in May, 1944 to Dec. 1945. Promoted W/O.

1950 : Sawtell.

JENKIN, Alfred Henry. Bombadier.

Born 9.3.22 at Croydon, N.S.W. Educated at Hurstville, Sutherland and Sydney Technical High School. Trained at Sydney Teachers' College 1940-41. Service with A.M.F., Sydney University Regiment, Heavy Anti-Aircraft, Batteries and 117th A.I.F. General Transport.

1953 : Wollongong West.

JENKINS, Albert James, B.Sc., Dip. Ed., Corporal 54 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1919 at Narrandera. Educated at Darling Point, Hay High, Sydney University and Sydney Teachers' College. Enlisted May, 1940, and recalled by Education Department and Man Power Authority in April, 1942.

1953 : Gunnedah.

JOHNS, Lance Jeffries, B.A. Lieut. 2/17 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1921 at Grenfell. Educated at Cowra Convent, Orange High and Armidale Teachers' College. Promoted all steps Private to Lieut. and gained distinction passes in Officers Training and Jungle Fighting Schools. Serious accident to back at Canungra. For 8 months was A.D.C., G.O.C., Queensland L of C Area. -- Major General Stantke.

1950 : Manly

JOHNS, Norman M.

Enlisted from White Cliffs. Wounded.

JOHNSON, Clifford Samuel. Sergeant, 2/6 Cavalry Commando Regt. A.I.F.

Born 1923 at Glen Innes. Educated at Glen Innes, Armidale Teachers' College. Enlisted from Armidale Teachers' College in April, 1942. Served in New Guinea and New Britain Campaigns from Nov. 1944 to March, 1946. Promoted to Corporal and Sergeant.

1953 : Glen Innes.

JOHNSTON, Gordon Richard. F/Lt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1904 at West Wallsend. Educated at Newcastle High, Sydney Teachers' College and University. He and Inspector J. Bingham were first teachers enlisted as Navigation Instructors and promoted P/O. Bingham and Johnston gained first and second place in Navigation School at Laverton. Posted to Cootamundra as Dead-Reckoning Navigation Instructor. Later was Astronomical Navigator Instructor and Navigator Group Commandant, Evans Head. Retained in Australia on account of age.

1950 : Headmaster, Mark's Point.

JOHNSTON, Norman Lieutenant, R.A.N., Reserve.

Educated Sydney Teachers' College. Volunteered for Navy and accepted November, 1941 as Ordinary Seaman. Promoted Sub-Lieutenant, December, 1942 and Lieutenant in June, 1945. Served on various ships, landing craft, mine-sweeper, convoy escorts all round Australia and New Guinea, Coral Sea, Halmaheras, Philippimes, China Sea and Hongkong. He was a General Service Watchkeeping Officer on four ships and Gunnery Officer on H.M.A.S. "Wollongong". He writes: " Most of our time seemed to be spent preparing for things which did not happen, and looking for things which were not there."

JOHNSTONE, John William. Sgt. Allied Translator and Interpreter Section.

Served from December, 1941 to September, 1946.

Much of the work of this section is confidential.

JONES, Colin Cornwall. Private, Headqutrs. 27th Brigade, A.I.F.

Enlisted from Colorafield.

Reported Missing in Malaya-- February, 1942.

Died as P.O.W. from Beri-Beri, 26th October, 1943.

JONES, Daniel Evan — Gunner, 6 Machine Gun. Bn. A.I.F.

Born, 1922.

Ed. Coff's Harbour, Enlisted 1941. Served in New Guinea Ramue Valley and Borneo. 466 days overseas. Armidale Teachers' College 1946-47.

1953: Delungra.

JONES, Jack Bennett. — Sergeant, 7 Div. Ordnance Field Park. A.I.F.

Born 1920 at Lithgow.

Educated at Lithgow High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted August, 1941. Served in Palestine and Syria September, 1941 to April, 1942, in New Guinea August, 1942 to January, 1944, in the Borneo Campaign June 1945 to January, 1946. Was promoted Sergeant in Buna Campaign.

1950: Lochiel.

JONES, John Campbell. — Staff Sergeant, 2/6 Surrey Battery, R.A.A., A.I.F.

Born 1917 at Eastwood.

Educated at Summer Hill, Fort Street and - post-war - at Sydney Teachers' College.

Service from January 1943 to November 1946. Was 16 months in New Guinea in Aitape-Wewak Campaign and was promoted during this Campaign.

1950: Annandale.

JONES, Russell A.P.

Enlisted from Wirrinya.

JONES, Sydney Murray — Lieut. Transport.

Born 1897 Tamworth.

Educated Tamworth High, Herefore House.

Service 1939 to July, 1944. On account of age was retained in Australia as Instructer. Promotions all steps to Lieut.

1950: Charbon.

JONES, Sydney Thomas. — F/O. R.A.A.F. Navigator.

Born 1919 at Paddington.

Educated at Newcastle High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Trained in camps in Australia from May, 1942 to July, 1943, in Canada from August, 1943, to March, 1944, at Toronto, Prince Edward Is. and Nova Scotia. Was in England four months before a posting

to India, where he served from July, 1944 to September, 1945.

Enlisted as A.C.2 and promoted through all stages to Flying Officer. In India served with Transport Command mainly on Ferry Flights, into Ceylon, Burma and South East Asia generally. Served with 52 Squadron, Calcutta on flights "over the hump" to China with oil and general supplies. Discharged December, 1945.

JONES, Winston Trevor. Sergeant, Air Gunner, R.A.A.F.

Born 1915.

Educated at Hurlstone Agricultural High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted for Coraki, November, 1940. Completed air training in Canada. Killed 18.3.42. He was greatly esteemed by the Maritoba Minister for Public Welfare - Dr. Martin - who called on his mother during a visit to Australia in 1945.

KAIN, Robert Joseph. Flying Officer, R.A.A.F.

Born 1915 at Sydney.

Educated at Christian Bros. High, Lewisham and Sydney Teachers' College.

Underwent an operation for varicose veins in order to be accepted. Served in Australia February to August, 1943 and in Canada from August, 1943 to January, 1945. Promoted through all stages to F/O.

Trained at Lethbridge and Edmonton Air Observers School - and became Air Observer and Air Bomber.

His service was sholly instructional at 6 Bombing and Gunnery School in Ontario, a Station of 5000 personnel. Of nine Australians in the staff four were Teachers from N.S.W. His duties were mainly training students in the air in practical bombing.

1950: Gundy (four daughters).

KAY, John Robert. Private, Infantry, A.I.F.

Born 1920 at Maitland.

Educated at Maitland High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Served at Morotai, January to April, 1945 and in Tasakan Battle and N. Borneo Campaign from 1st May to 15th August, 1945.

1950: Lower Mittagong.

KEARNS, Herbert Donald. 7 Div. A.I.F.

Born 1917 Clarence River.

Educated Grafton High, Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted July, 1940. In Middle East April, 1941. In Syria four months. In 1942-43 in Kokoda Trail and Ramu Valley Campaings. In the first A.I.F. air borne coy. to enter battle - Ramu Valley. In morotai and N.Borneo Campaign at Balikpapan. In 1945 at the end of war he served at Makassar in Celebes. Three years overseas in 5½ years' service.

1950: Woolgoolga.

KEATON, John Frederick. Staff Sergeant, R.A. Engineers, A.I.F.

Born 1910 at Armidale.

Educated at Guy Fawkes (won bursary, De La Salle and Teachers& College, Armidale.

Enlisted, July, 1940, Sailed Feb., 1941 on "Aquitania" to Poona and Middle East. Promoted Cpl., Sgt., S.Sgt.

Returned to Australia in March, 1942. Discharged May, 1946.

1950: Headmaster, Old Bonalbo.

KELLEHER, William Raymond, B.A. F/O. R.A.A.F., D.F.C.

Born 1912 at Orange.

Educated at Christian Bros. College, Waverley, Sydney Teachers' College and University. Called up for R.A.A. F. September, 1942. Trained in Australia as Navigator, Bomb-aimer, Air Gunner, Astro Navigator. Promoted A.C.1, L.A.C. and Sgt. before posting to Edmonton, Canada. Arrived in England In October, 1943, posted to a Halifan Bomber Squadron as Navigator, Promoted F./Sgt., W.O., and P/O. Completed 35 operations over Germany, bombing and mine-laying as Pilot Navigator. Awarded D.F.C. and promoted F./O. His crew received a letter of congratulation from Group Commander for mine-laying in Kiel Bay. Appointed for six months Training Officer with an Operational Squadron. In January and February, 1946 was in Concord Military Hospital with duodenal ulcers.

Came back to Australia in "Aquitania", November, 1945.

1950: Counsellor to Fort Street Boys' High School.

Citation on D.F.C.

"Pilot Officer Kelleher has completed numerous operations against the enemy, in the course of which he has invariably

displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty."

KELLY, Philip Arthur. F/O Bomber Command, R.A.A.F.

Born 1914 at Lithgow.

Educated at St. Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill and Sydney Teachers' College.

Served four years overseas as Navigator - Flying Officer in 466 Squadron, Bomber Command. After a tour of 36 raids over France and Germany he was appointed to a Special Duties Squadron to carry out "Spoof" raids over Germany, in which they dropped metallized strips of paper. These interfered with German radar, causing them to believe that our ten bombers were many more, thus they drew German Fighters to intercept our "Spoof" planes, enabling our main forces to bomb their targers later, without interfence.

Promoted through all grades to Flying Officer.

Appointed Navigation Instructor until the end of the war.

1950: Secondary Junior Technical School, Rozelle.

KENNEDY, Reginald. F/O R.A.A.F.

Born 1916 at Coogee.

Educated at Trinity Grammar School, Summer Hill and Sydney Teachers' College.

He applied for admission to R.A.A.F. in April, 1941. Posted to Canada in May, 1942, and was trained as a Navigator. Reached England, March, 1943 for further training before appointment to Operational Heavy Bomber Squadron, 199, using Stirling four-engined planes. Between Sept., 1943 and August, 1944, he was in 42 raids as Bomb-aimer, his plane was frequently hit.

Some places heavily bombed were Bremen, Kassell, Frankfort, Kiel, Kiel Canal and Bay, rail junctions and essential factories in France, Italian Border tunnells, including Mt. Canis at Modane and German, Dutch and French harbours.

Special Duties were dropping weapons and munitions to the French Maquis from low level - most exciting and strenuous work - and "Spoof" raiding - dropping radio transmitting sheets which diverted German radar and sent their fighters on false courses, and formed a screen to prevent enemy radar from locating our main bombing force.

Promotions were through all stages to Flying Officer. As the only Australian in his bomber he wrote: "I am filled with admiration for my English mates."

1950: Bilfin.

KENNEY, Leslie Clive. Navigator. Flying Officer, R.A.A.F.

Served in R.A.A.F. for 49 months. In Training in Australia his flying hours were 251, in operational flying from Australian bases with 71 and 66 Squadrons his flying hours were 643½, in operational tours from British Isles with 224 Squadron, Coastal Command, his hours were 368. Made 132 porties over S.W. Pacific bifon Cornwall on Liberatuss, Navigator in several porties over B. of Biscay Total operational hours were 1011½, total flying hours were 1319. Then posted N. Scotland for 36 porties over North Sea and Baltic, His plane sank Address, Cundletown, Manning River. big German submarine, Dense fogs and violent storms.

1950: Taree.

KNOX, John Hugh Sergeant, 2/6 Field Regt. A.I.F.

Born 1914 at Stroud.

Educated at Nth. Sydney High, Sydney Teachers' College and University. Entered Ingleburn Camp in May 1940 and embarked for Middle East in November. Served in Palestine, Egypt, Western Desert, and Syria. Returned to Australia with unit March, 1942, went to New Guinea in September, returned to Australia August, 1943. In New Guinea the Regiment was flown from Moresby to Burma and was in the Salamaua Campaign. His third overseas journey was from Townsville to Morotai, and thence to North Borneo for the Balikpapan Campaign. Field promotions were Gunner, Bombardier, L/Sgt., Sergeant.

1950: Small's Forest.

KEENA, Ilford Nicholls. P/O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1912 at Ballengarra.

Educated at Port Macquarie, Fort Street High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Port Macquarie October 1942, sailed to Canada February, 1943.

Graduated as Navigator at Edmonton in July, 1943 and commissioned as Navigation Instructor (Manitoba) in September.

Instructor in navigation at Edmonton, Alberts and Quebec.

KENEALLY, Jack. F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted on 25.3.41 and attached to Administrative and Special Duties Branch, Citizens' Air Force. Discharged because of illness on 20.1.44 and died as a result of that illness on 15.6.44 at Repatriation Hospital Randwick. Did not serve outside Australia.

KERR, Donald Arthur, B.Sc, Dip. Ed. F./Lieut., R.A.A.F.

Born 1920. Orange. Enlisted 1941. Posted to Canada. Promoted all steps from A.C.2 to F./Lieut. Took part in 17 raids over German Territory. His service was mainly in the R.A.F. squadrons that contained many Poles.

On discharge he continued courses at Teachers' College and University (Sydney).

1954: Hurstville Secondary Tech.

KERR, George Alexander. L.A.C. -R.A.A.F.

Born 1908 - Leeds. Educated Leeds Grammar School. Sydney Teachers' College.

Was selected as an Instructor on account of high efficiency, but developed foot trouble, transferred to clerical duties. Discharge marked Very Good.

1950: Glen Innes High.

KESTER, Charles Richard. B.Ec. R.A.A. - A.I.F.

Born 1913. Broken Hill. Educated Broken Hill and Armidale High Schools.

Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Enlisted June, 1940. In Palestine and Syria May, 1941 to April, 1942, then to November, 1945 was with Armoured Division in Westralia, North Queensland, and other States. Promotions were Surveyor, Bombardier, Sergeant.

1950 - Fort Street High.

KILBY, Selby William. Bombardier, 1st Aust. Field Reg., A.I.F.

Born 1903.

Educated at Goulburn High and Sydney Teachers' College. In camps in 1942 at Darwin 1943-44-45.

1950: H.M. Morisset.

† KILLEEN, Kenneth B. W/O. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Umbango. Killed in Wellington Bomber crash at Lichfield England. Buried at Church Broughton, Derbyshire.

KING, Aubrey James Bombardier, Heavy Anti-Aircraft Bty. A.I.F.

BORN 1903 - Tasmania. Educated at Kurri Kurri and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Paleroo. Served in Milne Bay and Madang Campaign

KING, Edward Alick John. F/Sgt RAAF 1942-1945
Born 1916 - Broken Hill. Educated Broken Hill High School
and Sydney Teachers College

1943-44. In Feb., 1945, on account of ailments, was transferred to Army Hospital as occupational therapy instructor.

1950: M.T. Teacher at Bega.

KIRBY, Kenneth Allan. Lieut. Anti Aircraft Batteries. Light and Heavy.

Born 1920 Ashfield.

Educated Summer Hill, Fort Street High.

Sydney Teachers' College.

An outstanding Instructor, he gained rapid promotions. Served in several camps and in Torres Strait Islands.

1950: Teacherin Charge - Cloud's Creek.

KITCHER, William Noble. Capt. 13/33 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1907 Walcha.

Educated Yanco Agricultural High, Hawkesbury Agr. College, Sydney Teachers' College.

Gained rapid promotions. Temporary Major on special Staff Duty 1942 and also D.A.A.G. with 1 Aust. Div. Adjutant 4 Training Bn. in 1941 Staff duties on Defence of Beaches.

1950: Nabromine.

KNIGHT, Kenneth William B.Ec. Radar Operator, R.A.N.

Born 1927 at Perth, W.A.

Ed. Sydney High.

On general Navy Service in Pacific for 2½ ywars.

1950: Head Office, Inspection Section.

KIMBLE, Jack Oliver, B.Ec. Lieut. Light Field Ambulance and Army Education, A.I.F.

Born 1912 at Tegar.

Educated at Taree, Wagga and Young High School, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Enlisted January, 1942 in Light Field Ambulance, and served in N.S.W. and Westralia. In June, 1943, transferred to Army Education Services. 1st Armoured Division, Westralia. Promoted Sergeant. In Dec., 1943 left Townsville for Port Moresby, organized Army Education at Buna, Seputa, Lae, Buldo, New Britain and Jacquinet Bay. Promoted Lieutenant.

In September, 1945 he flew from Melbourne to Singapore to give the liberated Australians information on post war training and rehabilitation.

1950: Kandos Inter. High School.

KORSCH, Hector Edward — Lieut. Heavy A.A.Coy., A.I.F.

Born 1917 at Murwillumbah.

Educated at Murwillumbah High and Armidale Teachers' College.

After gaining high passes in Heavy Anti-Aircraft, Weapon Training and Gas Schools he left Brisbane for New Guinea, Sept. 1943. Served till October, 1945 at Milne Bay, Madang, and Emirau Is.

Promotions were through all stages from Lance-Bombardier to Lieut. After the Jap surrender he was posted to Army Psychology Service until his discharge in September, 1946.

1950: Deputy Headmaster, Punchbowl.

LAKE, William Bernard Warwick. — F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1915 at Kempsey.

Educated at Kempsey High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted Oct., 1941. Sailed to Canada to complete training, August 1942. He won No. 2 Air Observer's School trophy for being top of course, Feb., 1943. Promoted Pilot Officer and became Instructor in R.C.A.F. until June, 1944, when he crossed to England to serve on Lancaster Bombers to the end of the War. Promoted F./O. and F./ Lieut.

Took part in many raids. After the German defeat he was engaged in dropping food to the Dutch and carrying liberated prisoners of war back to England.

1950: Coffee Camp, Lismore.

LAMBERT, William Harding. B.A. — Captain, Artillery Field Rgt.

Born 1910 Paddington.

Educated Forbes, Sydney T.C. and University.

On outbreak of war he was, on account of previous service in A.M.F., appointed Sgt. Instructor, Infantry. Later, after an excellent pass at Artillery School, he received his Commission and was retained on instructional duties. Sewere illness led to discharge.

1950: HM Adelong.

LANCASTER, Eric Edward — F./Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Orange District Rural. Attached to R.A.F., England.

Missing in night operations, 6th April, 1943.

K.I.A. Europe - 6.4.1943.

† LANCASTER, John. P/O - R.A.A.F.

Promoted all steps from Air Crew 2. Won high places as Air Gunner, Navigator, Radar Operator, and Pilot. Killed in Catalina Crash off North Queensland.

† LANCE, Reginald John Sergeant 2/5 Bn.A.I.F.

Born 1921. Trained Armidale Teachers' College, 1939. Enlisted from Kindee. Served in Aitape - Wewak Campaign and in Toricelli Mountains. Died in New Guinea 26.12.45 from cerebral malaria.

LARKIN, John Frederick. Cp. 16 Advanced Ordnance A.I.F.

Born 1920. Educated Albury High, Sydney Teachers' College.

Service April 1942 to September 1944 in Australia, promoted Cpl. and Instructor. In New Guinea and Bougainville.

1950: Lane Cove.

LAVELLE, Stanislaus Hildebrand Pte. 2/3 Pioneer Bn. A.I.F.

In A.I.F. from March, 1943 to June 1946. Served in Tarakan Campaign.

1954: Dulwich Hill.

† LAWTON, Clarence William F./Sgt., R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Grassy Creek. K.I.A.

Pilot of Liberator aircraft shot down on supply dropping mission to Italian partisans in North-West Italy - 12.10.44. Aircraft exploded and all crew killed instantly.

Buried in British Empire Cemetery, Milan.

LEARMOUTH, Robert William Thomas Sgt. 6th Dev., A.I.F.

Born 1922. Sydney Teachers' College.

Service Dec. 1941 to June, 1946. Corporal Instructor in Jungle Training for nine months. In Aitape and Wewak Campaigns, also at Rabaul. Wounded. In 1946 was Education Sgt.

1950: Cessnock High.

LAWRIE, John Henry, B.A. Sergeant 2/2 Pioneer Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1901 at Paterson.

Educated at Lismore District School, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Enlisted from Newcastle High School in Feb., 1942, as a private, promoted Corporal, 1942 and Sergeant in July, 1943.

In Oct., 1942, the unit was attached to the Armoured Division in

North-West Australia, then, after reorganisation for tropical warfare it went to Port Moresby, whence it was airborne to Tsili Tsili. From here they crossed 50 miles of mountains in five days to reach Matkham Valley. With Americal Paratroops they occupied Nadzab, then took a prominent part in campaigns of Lae, Ramu Valley, Shaggy Ridge and Finistenes.

1950: Headmaster, Preparatory Studies, Newcastle Tech. College.

LEE, Ashley Bertram — F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1913 at Byron Bay.

Educated at Lismore High and Armidale Teachers' College.

After doing well at several schools he qualified as Wireless Operator and Navigator and was posted to 12 Squadron of Dive Bombers at Cooktown in anti-submarine and patrol duties. Moved with 12 Sqdn. to Merauke, October, 1943, and engaged on sorties to July, 1944. Was promoted through all steps from A.C.2 to Flight Lieutenant. In Sept. 1944 was posted to Mascot on flying and general duties. Was Fire Officer in charge of Aircraft Fire Fighting for the whole of Mascot Aerodrome.

1950: Spicer's Creek.

LEE, Orry Lance — L.A.C., R.A.A.F.

Born 1917 at Kempsey.

Educated at Kempsey High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Served with 100 Squadron at Aitape for four months. Was also Education Assistant and Librarian to the unit.

1950: Werris Creek.

LEES, Athol Herbert. — L.A.C., R.A.A.F.

Born 1907 at Dubbo.

Educated at Dubbo and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted Sept. 1943 was trained as Instrument Repairer and Maker and was awaiting a positing overseas when the Japs surrendered.

1950: Springwood.

LEES, William Archie. — Gunner, Anti-Aircraft Rgt. A.I.F.

Enlisted December 1941 and served till March, 1945. Australian service was at Sydney, Brisbane, and Cairns, and Overseas service at Merauke, Elanden River and Dutch New Guinea.

LEIGO, William. B.A. — Lance Sergeant, 17 Advance Ordnance Corps A.I.F.

Born 1915 at West Wyalong.

Educated at Parramatta High, the Scots College, University and Sydney Teachers' College.

Served in Morotai and Dutch East Indies from May, 1945, to January, 1946.

1950: Wagga High School.

LEITHHEAD, David. F. Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1900 in Victoria.

Trained at Sydney Teachers' College.

In October, 1941 was posted as A.C.I. to 4 Squadron, Canberra. Completed advanced Photo School, and posted to Staff or Canberra Photo School. Promoted corporal. Went to Cootamundra Air Observers' School on photographic duties. Promoted Pilot Officer, January 1943, went to Melbourne in July, 1943, as Flying Officer in No. 1 Training Group, and soon became Officer Commanding School of Photography.

In December, 1943 was with operations group, New Guinea. In Feb., 1945, sailed to India as part of War History Unit as Flight Lieutenant and served six months in S.E. Asia Command. He was cinematographic and narrator of activities of Australian Airmen, which took him all over India, over "The Hump" to China, and throughout Burma. He took part in the aerial transport of supplies in the race from Mandalay to Rangoon and was in the first air-borne party to land in Rangoon on our reoccupation. He then went to Japan to cover R.A.A.F. activities.

1951: Penrith.

+ LENNON, James Joseph Lieut. 2/20 Bn. A.I.F.

Enlisted from King's Gap.

A first grade footballer.

K.I.A. in Malaya - 9.2.42.

LENNOX, John Patrick Sgt.Gunnery 2/15 Field Regt.

Enlisted from Temora. Was a prominent first grade footballer and a very popular sportsman. Promoted Sgt. in the field. Mentioned in "Behind Bamboo". His C.O. wrote: "A stout fellow, always a leader". His mates said to me: "He did more than his share on the Burma line, always helping the weak and the sick. He would make a suffering mate lie down, saying: "You'll be right with the Nips. I'll do your job". We shall never forget Jack." Died on Burma-Thailand Border 7.11.43.

LEVICK, Stuart. Pte. 2/19th Bn.A.I.F.

Enlisted from Bankstown East after previous teaching at Reserve Creek, where he is fondly remembered. "Stewart Levick gave courageous service as a Runner to Colonel Anderson in delivering messages under heavy fire at Muar, when the Battalion was surrounded by Japs. Quite fearlessly he made at least six journeys between outposts and Battalion Hqrs. before he was wounded. Even then he tried to get through again, but was again wounded, fatally.

LENNON, John Frederick. W.O. Navigator, R.A.A.F.

Born 1923 at Emmaville.

Educated at De la Salle and Teachers' College, Armidale.

Trained in Australia and Canada, and promoted from A.C.2. Active service from England over North Sea and enemy territory and later from Italy.

1950: Hurstville.

LEVY, Geoffrey Morris F.Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1921 at Cullen Bullen.

Educated at Mudgee and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted September, 1942. Trained in Australia and Canada and arrived in England in October, 1943 as Pilot Officer. Was posted to Egypt on Western Desert patrols to April, 1944, then to 454 Squadron from May, 1944, to March, 1945 on Desert Air Force and raids over Italy, Austria and Mediterranean areas and operations from Pexara, Islemara and Cesenatica in Italy.

Engagements included 69 operational flights in Glen Martin, Baltimores, and 59 light bomber raids. He was on nine antisubmarine patrols and a reconnaissance over West Greece. He was O.C. of the squadron operating over Austria. Was promoted to F./Lieut. He received several highly complimentary letters from Generals of Infantry on his assistance to them in attacks on strong points in Italy. From Egypt and Western Desert his squadron took a prominent part in driving the Germans from Crete before landing near Ancona to assist Indian, Polish and New Zealand troops in smashing the Gothic Line. Ground conditions were dreadful, and crews and mechanics trudged knee-deep in mud to reach their planes, the mud reduced the speed of planes considerably. All worked in this mud and slept in it until the Medical Officers demanded

a cessation of such wearying and unhealthy work. The camp was shifted, it took eight hours to get 36 aircraft off the ground. Levy's leadership qualities and accuracy in bombing were praised highly on several occasions by Polish, Indian, South African and British Staffs.

LEYSHON, William John B.A. Sergeant, Wireless, A.I.F.

Born 1918 at Glamorganshire.

Educated at Helensburgh, Sutherland, Canterbury High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

First training was at Tamworth as Signalman, promoted Corporal. In Sept. sailed on "Wueen Mary" to Palestine; attached to 2 Wireless Coy., Royal Corps of Signals, and worked as Wireless Operator in interception of German and Italian wireless traffic. Returned to Australia March, 1942. In September arrived at Port Moresby. In October served with forward section intercepting Jap wireless traffic, before returning to Moresby. Posted to Northern Territory as Wireless Watch Supervisor and Signal Master of 51 Wireless Section. After an Advanced Course in Marconi School of Wireless in Sydney he was promoted Sergeant, April, 1945. After the Jap defeat he served as Sergeant in Army Psychological Service.

1950: Leichhardt.

LINDBECK, Norman A. (Two Wars) Lieut. Army Education.

V. 1st World War.

LINDSAY, Kenneth William. Sgt. 2/30 Bn. A.I.F. (Galleghan's Greyhounds).

Born 1911.

Educated at Kempsey High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Morpeth, June, 1940.

Killed in training accident near Malaue, Malaya, 10.11.41.

From Col. F.G.Galleghan: Ken was a charming comrade, a great footballer, a versatile soldier, and a great man. He was a good soldier from the day he joined us, and his promotion was a reward for high efficiency and loyalty. He was marked to attend an Officers' School. --Carried out his duties to his country in keeping the highest traditions of our Empire. I am very proud to have had Ken in this Unit; very thankful for the help he gave to make this Bn. what it is to-day. I shall always remember him as a man I was proud to call a friend."

LITTLE, Leonard Archibald. Lieut. R.A.Artillery, A.I.F.

Born 1909 at Bundarra.

Educated at Inverell High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted in Militia in April, 1939 in 1 Survey Coy. Was promoted L./Bombardier, Bdr., L.Sergeant, and Lieutenant. In September, 1941 transferred to A.I.F. was instructor in Survey Work, Staff work, Field Mapping and in general education. In October, 1943 went to New Guinea as Troop Commander, 3 Survey Battery, was in Ramu Valley, Shaggy Ridge, and in Finisterre Range Campaigns. In October, 1944, he went to Bougainville as Acting Battery Captain and served there until Jap surrender, was recommended for Captaincy but the end of the war denied him this. After end of hostilities he was Education Officer at Torokina.

1950: Headmaster of Brewarrina.

LOGAN, Hugh F./O. R.A.A.F.

Joined R.A.A.F., June, 1941. Navigation training at Edmonton, bombing and gunnery at Lethbridge and Astro-navigation in Maniboba. posted to Coastal Command in England in May 1942.

In November, 1942 was posted with a Canadian crew to Reikjavick, Iceland. Commissioned in Iceland, September, 1943. Returned to Scotland in March, 1944, as Meteorological Instructor, later was Bombing Leader Instructor at Silloth R.A.F. training centre. Returned to Australia in February, 1945.

(Refer to Chapter on Iceland).

1954: West Wallsend.

LOCKE, John Sgt.Infantry Instructor A.I.F.

Born 1914.

Educated Marist Bros. Kogarah, Sydney T.C.

Passed high in Radio-Physics and Telecommunication. Promoted Group 1 Mechanic and Sgt. Retained as Instructor.

1950: Cootamundra.

LOFTS, Kenneth Gregory B.A. Sgt. 16. Inf.Bde. A.I.F.

Born 1909 Lismore.

Educated Tween Heads, Lismore High, Sydney T.C. and University.

In New Guinea with 2/55 Bn. on Coast Defence with Machine Guns. Transferred to New Guinea Force M.G. Bn. and served in Owen Stanley Campaign. Transferred to Army Education at Moresby. In Aitape

and Wewak campaigns. Did splendid work for Field Security Unit by inspecting Jap camps. He edited a daily paper for North New Guinea troops, sent out 200 copies daily.

1950: Bega.

LONDON, Eric, B.A. F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born March, 1922 Marrickville.

Educated Sydney Tech. High and Teachers' College.

Enlisted on 21st birthday. Promoted L.A.C. June, 1943, P./O. Feb. 1944, F./O. May, 1945. Retained on Instructional work.

1950: Concord West.

LONG, Norman John Sgt. Pilot. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Commercial School Bankstown. Missing in operation over the ocean from Bairnsdale, Victoria, on 11th January, 1943.

K.I.A.

LONG, Arthur F./Sergeant. R.A.A.F.

Born 1920.

Educated at Kempsey and Taree High, and Armidale T.College.

Sailed August, 1942. Was highly commended on several occasions for coolness and ability in action. Gained promotion through all stages to F./S. On one occasion he made a wonderful landing after losing his propellor. He was Pilot of Wellington and Lancaster Bombers in over twenty raids over Germany, including three over Berlin. K.I.A. with whole crew in operation over German, 24th August, 1943.

LOWRIE, Frederick John Irwin, B.Ec. Captain, R.A.Artillery 3rd Corps Troops.

Born 1915 at Mackay.

Educated at Canterbury High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Enlisted June, 1941. Served nine months at Gin Gin, Westralia, and then nine months at R.A.A. Hqrs., Perth.

In September, 1944, served at Nadzab, then at Torokina, Bougainville Port Moresby, and Lae.

Promotions were Gunner, Bombardier, Lieutenant and Temporary Captain.

1950: Artarmon.

LYNCH, Edward Patrick Francis. Captain.

In two World Wars (V. Kaiser's War). In Hitler's War he was Superivsor of Training, C.O. Jungle Training Bn. Inspecting Officer

of New Guinea Drafts.

In a Training Coy at Bathurst he was O.C. and had 36 teachers of N.S.W. as M.C.As. For many years to 1955 he was Secretary of Returned Soldier Teachers Sub-branch.

Lynch, Kevin John O'N. Aircrew/R.A.A.F.

Served from March, 1941 to October, 1945. Training Sydney, Canada, England. In May 1944 was shot down over France but evaded capture until arrival of Americans.

1950: Bankstown North.

LUX, William Henry Sgt. Heavy Anti-Aircraft Guns A.I.F.

Born 1919 - Trundle.

Educated Springwood, Penrith, Sydney Technical High.

Sydney Teachers' College.

On enlistment he was soon an Instructur in Light Bofors and Heavy Anti-Aircraft gunnery. Promoted Cpl. and Sgt. Served at Madang, New Guinea, and Emitau Island.

1950: Manual Training at Molong and Fairbridge Farm.

MACBETH, Mervyn James. Sergeant, A.A.S.C.

Served from December, 1941 to July, 1946, in North Queensland and in Buna and Lae Campaigns in New Guinea. Shortly after enlistment he was Corporal Instructor.

Promoted Sergeant.

On cessation of war he was posted to Army Education as a lecturer.

1954: Dulwich Hill.

MACKAY, Sidney. Bombardier and L.A.C. R.A.A.F

Then Corporal Instructor in A.I.F.

Bn. 1915 - Teralba.

Ed. Ultimo Cent. Tech., Sydney Tech. High, Tech. College, Sydney Teachers' College. Served with R.A.A.F six months in 1941. Transferred as Instructor in several A.I.F. camps. In New Guinea Campaigns December 1942 to February 1944 at Moresby, Buna, Salamava, Nassau Bay and Lae.

Post-war - Completed Dip. Course in Mechanical Engineering. Awarded Diploma M.I.E.T. 1950 : S.S.A. - Manual Arts - Bathurst High.

McARTHUR, Angus Ivan F./Lieut., R.AAF.

Bn. 1907 at Grafton.

Ed. at Grafton High, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Served at Bradfield Park, 1942 and 1943, and at Air Gunnery School, Sale 1944 and 1945.

1950: High School, Cessnock.

McCALLUM, David Douglas.

Bn. 1904 at Mittagong.

Ed. at Technical High, Teachers' College and University.

Enlisted July, 1940. Passed through all grades to Lieutenant in August, 1942.

Served with Armoured Division in Westralia and in New Guinea, Bougainville, Morotai, North Borneo, and Luzon in Phillipines.

1950: Headmaster of Boggabri.

Appreciations are as follows:

Letter to D.D. McCallum - Extract.

"I don't think any of us of the Armoured Division are likely to forget you and the good work you did, and you have every reason

to be proud of your contribution."

"The Armoured Division won the admination of all."

H.C. Robertson

Commander in Chief

British Commonwealth Forces. JAPAN.

"I remember with considerable pleasure our associations in the heat and dust of our camps in Western Australia."

R.H. Nimmo, General.

"During the difficult period, whilst the Brigade was isolated from civilian contacts and normal recreational facilities, at Mingenew, 200 miles north of Perth and 30 miles from the coast, we were fortunate to have an officer eminently suited to encourage and direct all forms of games and athletics as well as educational activities. This was D.D. McCallum of the N.S.W. teaching service, a man of great experience in such things as well as possessing energy and enthusiasm for the task. Under his guidance and excellent arrangements men of all degrees of sporting attainment, from internationals to novices, were taking part keenly in the various activities organised, causing them to forget to a considerable extent their isolation and the discomfort and boredom of their life at that time.

There is no doub tha the athletics and games organised to such a degree of efficiency proved to be a factor of very great importance in helping to maintain the high morale which has always been credited to the 1st A;A. Bde."

Report by General R.H. Nimmo.

McCARTHY, Athol Pte. Anti-Aircraft Ordnance A.I.F.

Bn. 1907 - Turondale. Ed. Orange and Bathurst High Schools, Sydney T.C.

Served 18 months in Bougainville and Solomon Is.

1950 - T.in.C. Springside.

+ McCLINTOCK, Leopold Guy F/O R.A.A.F.

Enlised from Leichhardt, March 1941.

Missing, believed P.O.W. and subsequently presumed dead. Place of death unknown, date on or after 7th May, 1942. His Catalina Flying Boat was shot down in the Battle of the Coral Sea.

McCLUNG, Noel Caude. Sgt. transport A.I.F.

B. 1911 Ed. Nambucca, Kempsey High, Armidale T.C.

Instructor in Driving and Maintenance.

1950. Viewmont.

McCANN, Arthur. F/O, R.A.A.F.

B. 1912 at Forster.

Ed. at Taree High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted February, 1941. Was trained as Wireless Operator and Meteorolical Assistant, and was commissioned as Meteorological Officer.

Overseas service was from April to November, 1945, in New Guinea, Morotai and Borneo. He received a letter of appreciation from the Commander of the American Air Force for his weather information while in Bornea. He took part in Balikpapan Battle.

1950: Wallsend.

McCAUSLAND, Charles Pringle, B.A. Sgt. Army Education Service A.I.F

B. 1910. Ed. at Glen Innes High, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Enlisted 1/9/41, discharged 5/4/45.

Served overseas 1315 days as Gunner and Battery Surveyor, in Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Libya, and New Guinea. Was Battery Surveyor at El Alamein. In Lae, Finchhafen, Sio Campaigns he was Battery Commander's Assistant in 62 Bty. 2/12 Field Regiment. For three months he was Driver of trucks in Egypt and Libya.

1950: Resumed position as Lecturer at Armidale Teachers' College.

McCORNACK, Oscar Colin. Sgt. Armoured Division, A.I.F.

B. 1921 at Wauchope.

Ed. at Newcastle and Sydney Teachers' College.

Service in Westralia, March 1942 to December 1943. Promoted Corporal. In New Guinea January 1944 to October, 1945. Promoted Sergeant. Was in Campaigns of Finschhafen, Sio, Madang, Slexishafen, Sepik River and Wewak. Had severe attacks of malaria,dengae, and dermatitis.

1950: Mayfield West.

MacDONALD, Colin G. P/O R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Gunnedah, at Bradfield in May 1941. Gained

top place as Air Observer at courses at Cootamundra, Evans Head, and Parkes. Promotions all steps to Pilot Officer in January, 1942. Made several Anti-Submarine Reconnaissance flights over Tasman Sea and Bass Strait from Laverton, in 100 Beaufort Squadron. Posted with this Squadron to New Guinea, January, 1943. K.I.A. against Japs over Owen Stanley Range.

McDONALD, John, B.A., Dip. Ed. F/O, R.A.F.

Ed. Sydney Univ. and Teachers' College.

Service from January, 1943, to January, 1946. Promoted all steps from Air Crew to F./O.

Two years in Britain as a Pilot on Army and Navy Co-operation.

530 flying hours.

+ McDONALD, John D. (Jack), B.A. Gunner.

2/5th Field Regt. A.I.F.

Ed. Grafton High, Armidale T.C., Enlisted at Maclean.

July 1940 to June 1941 - Artillery Training Camps.

July 1941 - March 1942 - Middle East with 7th Div. A.I.F.
Egypt, Palestine, Syria.

April to Sept. 1942 - South Australia and Queensland.

Oct-Nov. 1942 - Port Moresby, Milne Bay, Buna.
K.I.A. Battle of Buna. 16/11/1942.

Killed in a landing barge near C. Endiadine.

MacDONALD, John, B.A., B.Ed. F./Liet. R.A.A.F.

B. 1914 at Perth (W.A.)

Ed. at Canterbury High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

He began his R.A.F. service in February, 1941, lecturing in Mathematics, Science, Navigation, Aerodynamics, etc., later duties ere Intelligence Officer, Meteorological Officer and Ground Training Officer, in these he was engaged in lecturing and general organisation. When he was promoted Staff Officer of Ground Training he had control of all training units in Queensland, N.S.W. and part of Victoria, he introduced into his aids projectors, and organised the servicing, operating and supplies of films.

1950: Kempsey High School.

McDONALD, Robert Allen. Lance Sergeant, 7 M.G. Bn. A.I.F

B. 1910 at Armidale. 2/1 M.G.Bn.A.I.F.

Ed. at Armidale High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Arrived in Port Moresby 3/6/1942 and served on coastal defence, and anti-aircraft shooting. Served also in Morotai and at Balikpapan. After Jap surrender he did good work in regard to the disbandment and embarkation of the Unit, and in Army Education Services.

1950: Headmaster, Bon Venue.

McDONALD, William Allan A.C.I. R.A.A.F.

B. 1905 at St. Kilda (Vic.)

Ed. at Seymour High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted in R.A.A.F. in May, 1941. Promoted H.C.I. His health broke down and he was discharged to spend seven months in hospital.

1950: Relieving Teacher.

McDONELL, John Bede. Technician, Army Base Workshops.

Enlisted from Kingstown, near Uralla, 1941, in Field Artillery. Posted to Newcastle Covering Force when Japs threatened invasion. Gained Distinction in a School on Tanks and Tank Guns. Selected for training in Army Electrical Mechanical Engineers, then drafted to New Guinea and later as a Specialist to Darwin . Army Base Workshops urgently required technicians and he was drafted there, to the Machine Shop, as turner and fitter.

1954: Teacher of Crafts at Uralla I.H.S.

McDONOUGH, Nicholas, B.Sc., A.S.T.C. Private 2/1 Survey Regt. and

B. at Liverpool, England. 2/3 Pioneer Bn., A.I.F.

Ed. at Liverpool University and Liverpool University Teachers' College.

Entered Cowra Camp in January, 1941. Was in the Middle East from April 1941 to February, 1943., took part in El Alamein Battle.

1950: Randwick High School.

McFARLAND, Alexander Ogilvie, B.A., B.Ec.

B. 1916 at Haberfield.

Ed. at Parramatta High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Promoted to Sergeant at Bathurst in June 1942, and became Instructor in N.C.O. schools. In May, 1943, he was promoted Li eut. Served

in New Guinea and Bougainville Campaigns, and then in Army Education Services.

1950 - Homebush High.

+ McEWEN, Edwin. Born 23 Oct. 1915. Sergeant 2/4 Bn. A.I.F
Trained Armidale T.C. 1935-36. Educated Lismore High.
Enlisted from Bray's Creek. In Greece was recommended for gallentry and leadership — and also for his Commission!
K.IA. 21/5/1941 at Thermopylae, Greece.

+ McEWEN, James Hicks. Pte. 2/4/ Bn. A.I.F.
K.I.A. Greece, 22/4/41.

+ McFARLANE, Roy T. Coporal 2/7 Independent Co. A.I.F.
Enlisted from Tallebung. Trained in Guerilla Warfare. Served for several weeks behind theenemy posts in Sattelburg Ranges and along the New Guinea coast. He was complimented in Orders on his outstanding initiative. Killed by a sniper near Wewak.

McGEORGE, Archibald Llewellyn, B.A. Corporal, A.I.F.
B. 1923 Sydney. Ed. Canterbury High, Sydney Teachers' College and University. Enlisted May, 1943. In New Guinea Campaigns from January, 1944, to April, 1945. Promoted.
1953 - Temora High.

McINNES, Ian Capt. Div. Signallers. A.I.F.
Enlisted from Kittegora. Lost in a Jap prison ship that was torpedoed.

McGRATH, William Clement. F/O R.A.A.F.
B. 1913 at Kempsey.
Ed. at Christian Bros. High, Tamworth, and Armidale Teachers' College.
Enlisted as R.A.F. Aircrew Trainee in 1941. Called up for training as Navigator Air Bomber in August, 1942. Embarked for England, via U.S.A. in May, 1943, and trained for night bombing. Served with 142 Squadron in England and Italy. Promoted P/O in Italy in August, 1944, and Squadron Assistant Bombing Leader. He made 34 operational flights over enemy territory. Returned to Australia, February, 1945, and was posted to R.A.A.F. Vocational Guidance Section. His promotions were step by step from AC2.
1950: Balmain Teachers' College Lecturer. 1953 Inspector of Schools.

McINTOSH, Lawrence, B.Ec., D.F.C. Squadron Leader, RAAF.

B. 1919 Manly. Ed. Kyogle. Armidale Teachers' College.

Air training in Australia, Canada, England, throughout 1941. Operational flying from England, North Africa, Malta and Italy, 1942 to 1943. Instructional flying in Middle East to October 1944 . Gave close Army support in N. Africa campaign. Citation for D.F.C. - F./Lt. McIntosh has proved himself a skilful pilot and a tenacious fighter. His leadership and determination as Flight Commander have materially contributed to the successes achieved by his squadron. While leading a section of two aircraft over A77210 he was attacked by fourteen (14) enemy aircraft. In the ensuing engagement he destroyed one Me. 109, bringing his total of enemy aircraft destroyed to four.

1950: Kyogle.

McINTOSH, Lindsay Noel Hugh Sgt. Anti-Aircraft Bty.

B. 1910 at Ulmarra. Gunnery Instructor. A.I.F.

Ed. at Grafton High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted March, 1940, as Gunner in 2/1 A.A. Regiment, in April, 1941 was promoted Lance Bombardier. Saled 1/6/41 to serve in Palestine, Syria, and Egypt to January, 1942. Landed in New Guinea in March, 1942, and served there and in neighbouring islands until February, 1944. Promoted Sergeant in new unit - 234 Light A.A. Battery. In January, 1955, was appointed Gunnery Instructor at Moreton Bay, giving instruction in Light A.A. weapons and Bofors.

1950: Headmaster, Harwood Island.

+ McINTYRE, Colin Robert Hilton. Lieut. 2/2 Bn. A.I.F.

B. 1916. Ed. at Armidale High School and Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Walcha Road, October, 1939. At High School and College he was prominent in all sport, especially boxing.

Principal Newling: "Clear-eyed, healthy of mind and body, self-reliant, a little shy and very modest, he went his way among us, winning our regard by his fundamental rectitude."

Died of wounds at TOBRUK 21/1/1941. The first of Armidale Teachers' College to give his life in action.

+ McINTYRE, James Sinclair. P/O R.A.A.F.

B. 1918.

Ed. at Maclean, Hurlstone Agr. High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Promoted through all grades from A.C.2 to P/O.

Killed in Action in a night flight from Lae to Raboul.

MACKAY, Elwyn Duncan Robert. Warrant Officer, R.A.A.F.

B. 1914 at Armidale.

Ed. at Armidale High and Teachers' College.

Volunteered for aircrew in 1941, was offered a "ground" commission which he refused, trained as pilot at Narrandera and Point Cook, and won his wings as Sergeant Pilot. Served as Pilot at several centres before leaving for England, via U.S.A. Arrived in England in March, 1944. After training on twin-engined planes at various centres, he had a serious fracture of his jaw in a football - Rugby League - match, and had to be "grounded". Posted to Warwickshire as Flying Wing Adjutant and promoted to W.O. Spent considerable time in hospital with jaw. 1950: Terranove Hm.

McKEOWN, Victor Ormonde. W/O Navigator and Bomber,

B. 1916 Paddington. R.A.A.F.

Ed. Coonamble, Sydney Teachers' College.

Volunteered January, 1941. Rejected as temporarily medically unfit.

Enlisted again January, 1943. Served 15 months in Air Crew in Australia, then 9 months in Air Crew in United Kingdom, as Navigator and Bombardier.

Promoted all steps to W/O.

1950: Sutherland.

McKERRON, Terence. Sergeant.

Enlisted from The Channon.

K.O.W.

McKINNON, Colin N. Private 11th Bde., A.I.F.

Served in Solomon Islands from December, 1944, to September, 1945, and in New Britain from September, 1945 to May, 1946.

1950: Yarrowyck.

McLAREN, Thomas Earl, B.A. F./Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born at Bishopbriggs, Scotland.

Ed. at Cessnock High, Armidale Teachers' College and University of Sydney.

Enlisted in R.A.A.F. in 1941. Embarked for Canada August, 1942. Selected as a Flying Instructor at twin-engine Service Flying Training Schools in Canada from April, 1943 to Sept., 1945, and then in Mosquito Operational Training Units in Nova Scotia to February, 1945.

Promoted all steps to F./Lieut.

1950: Milson's Point.

McKENZIE, Kenneth Eric. Flight Sergeant Navigator, R.A.A.F.

Born 1917 at Tenterfield.

Educated at Inverell Inter. High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted July, 1941. Promoted L.A.C. in September, 1941. Sergeant Air Observer August, 1942. Flight Sergeant Air Observer in February, 1943, and Flight Sergeant Navigator in August, 1943. Was in England from September, 1942 to November, 1943 and was Instructor in Navigation until illness caused him to be discharged as medically unfit.

1950: Nyngan.

McLAUGHLIN, Allan Eric. Warrant Officer, R.A.A.F.

Born 1920 at Taree.

Educated at Canterbury High and Sydney Teachers' College.

After five months training at Bradfield Park was in Canada from June, 1943 to August, 1944, posted to Nassau in Bahamas and then England. Served in North Ireland and Scotland with 206 Coastal Command Squadron, in which he was Wireless and Radar Operator.

1950: Belmore South.

McLAREN, Donald Sidney B.Sc. Sgt. R.A.Engineers, A.I.F.

Born 1922. Maroubra.

Educated Sydney High; Sydney Teachers' College and Univerwity.

Served throughout 1941 in Infantry, Light A.A.guns, and 25 pounders to May, 1943. In action against Jap. submarines in Sydney Harbour. In May 1943 he volunteered as a Gas Guinea-Pig. Transferred to Chemical Warfare Laboratory, R.A.E. Served in main Labs. in Melbourne and Brisbane to June, 1945 then at Lae in New Guinea in Mobile Section, R.A.E. Promoted all steps from A./Bombardier to Sgt. Passed high in Officers' School, recommended for Commission, but no vacancy. Highly commended by C.O. "assiduity and proficiency". In December, 1945 transferred as Science Lecturer to Army Education, Lae Formation College at Malahang. Possesses 15 specialist badges.

In hospital on several occasions with chemical and thermal burns.

McLEAN, Aubrey John, Sergeant, 2/8 Rn. A.I.F.

Born at (1922) Kurri.

Educated at Newcastle Junior High, Newcastle High and Sydney Teachers' College. He was awarded the Diploma of Physical Education. Was Instructor in Physcial and Recreational Schools at Bathurst and Dubbo, Seymour, and Atherton Tablelands, also Instructor at Lowanna (Dorrigo) in Jungle Training.

Promoted Sergeant, served in New Guinea, Emirav, and Bougainville as Stretcher-Bearer Sergeant with 8 Rn. A.I.F.

1950: Canterbury High as Physcial Education Teacher.

MACNEILL, John Robb. Seaman Gunner, D.E.M.S., R.A.N.

Born 1911 at Glasgow.

Educated at North Sydney High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Was at Flinders Naval Depot from February to October, 1943 when he qualified as a Seaman Gunner. Served from October, 1943 to October, 1945 as Seaman Gunner in South West Pacific on three Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships - D.E.M.S. He then suffered severely from athritis and dermatitis.

1953: Master, Primary Department, Narrabri.

MAHER, Francis Stanislaus, B.A. Gunner Sergeant, 2/15 Field Regt. A.I.F.

Born 1912 at Bathurst.

Educated at Christian Bros. College, Waverley, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Was promoted Gunner Sergeant prior to embarkation for Singapore. Was in several actions in Malay Peninsula and Singapore Siland, including the Battle of Muar River, He was wounded twice and was one of few survivors of his Battery. Taken P.O.W. he worked on the Burma-Thailand.

Since his return to Australia he has taken a prominent place in R.S.L. activities.

1950: Deputy Headmaster, La Perouse.

McMONAGLE, Lance Raymond. F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1920.

Educated at De la Salle and Teachers' College, Armdiale.

Enlisted from Murrulebale. Attached to R.A.F., England. Missing in air actions against Bremen, on 6th October, 1944. Place of death unkown. K.I.A.

McNAIR, Frank. Staff Sergeant 4 Div. R.A.F.

Born 1905 Nottingham.

Educated England, Sydney Teachers' College.

Served in Headquarters 1st Engineers, for a year to September, 1943. Then October, 1943 to April, 1944 Thursday Island and Cape York with 4R.A.F. Selected to attend a Food Technology School, where he gained Distinction Pass, Promoted Staff Sergeant and Assistant Inspector of Supplies - His singing made him popular in camps.

1950: Hm. Curlewis.

+McSKIMMING, Sydney Gordon. Corporal, 2/12 Field Ambulance.

Enlisted from Bankstown.

Drowned in Hospital Ship "Centaur", torpedoed by enemy, 14/5/1943.

+MADDEN, John Francis. Flight Sgt. Navigator, R.A.A.F.

Attached to R.A.F. in Middle East, Missing in air battles on 22nd November, 1943. Place unkown.

MADSEN, Frederick. B. Sc. Squadron Leader, R.A.A.F.

Won D.F.C. Citation for D.F.C.

"One day in July, 1942, this officer was captain of an aircraft detailed for a dawn attack on an Italian convoy bound for Tobruk. In the face of intense and accurate fire from the shipping he pressed home his attack and released his bombs on a merchant vessel. Again later in the same month he made a determined attack on some "F" boats despite heavy defences".

MALONEY, George Ivan. W./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1922 Henty.

Educated Yanco High, Armdiale Teachers' college.

Enlisted while student at Armidale Teachers' College, 1941. Completed Teacher Training, 1946.

In Infantry from December, 1941 to September, 1942. Transferred to R.A.A.F. Trained in Australia to September, 1943. Severed from several bases in United Kingdom from November, 1943 to May, 1945. Promotions - all steps from AC2 Bomber, Navigator, Gunner,

1950: Alstonville.

MALCOLM, Edward Ivor Gordon. P./O/ R.A.A.F.

Born 1913.

Educated Goulburn, Sydney Teachers' College.

Enclisted August,1941 in Australia to June, 1942. In England July,1942 to December, 1944.

Promotions: All steps to P./O. 1950: Hm. Brisbania.

+ MANNERS, Seth Tilstone. P./O., R.A.A.F.

Attached to R.A.F. Missing in air actions on 11th April,1942. Place unknown. K.I.A.

MANTELL, Alexander James. Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Educated Convent High, Grafton and Armidale T.College.

In Air Crew at Somers, 1941. Leading Aircraftsman, July,1942.

Corporal December,1942. Agt. January 1945.

Instructor. In squadrons at Brisbane,Townsville and Charters Towers to August,1945. 1950 - Emmaville.

MANSTED, Arthur Frederick Henry Signalman, A.I.F.

B.1925. Enclisted aged 16 years 10 months in March,1942.

Served an Signalman, (Wireless Operator Group 1) in Fortress Signals, DARWIN from May 1943 to May 1945.

Volunteered for and was drafted to a mystery unit called "Z" Force, A.I.B. in July,1945.

MARQUET, Philip A. Capt.A.I.F.
Darwin Staff and Army Education.

Born 1910. Dungog.

Educated Maitland High, Sydney University and T.College.

Enlisted Feb.1939. Passed with Distinction in two Army Schools.

Promoted Cpt.May.1939. Lance Sgt.Oct.1939, Sgt.Sept. 1940. Lieut.Jan. 1941. Was Staff Officer at Darwin, and Liaison Officer with R.A.A.F. His duties extended from Darwin to Mataranka. He was O.C.War Diary, General Staff,Darwin, and in charge of reports by Navy, Air Force and Army. Was about to be promoted Captain, A.I.F., when he failed in medical test and was transferred to Sydney. Later was appointed Education Officer to Hgrs.Artillery training, then Education Officer for 2nd Army, Promoted Captain. DischargedAugust,1945 as medically unfit. He was in 43 Jap. air raids. During his service he received three "appreciations" from Generals commanding. 1950. Newcastle High.

MARSH, Walter Ernest. F./O. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Rozelle.

Attached to R.A.F. England.

Missing air actions on 22nd May,1944.

Target was Duisburg, Germany.

Place of death unknown. K.I.A.

MAIDEN, Charles Arthur Private 2/10th Bn.A.I.F.

Born 1912 Adelaide.

Educated at Broken Hill High and Sydney Teachers' College.

After six months service in Australia he went to Port Moresby in December,1942 and joined 2/10 Bn. Took part in Battles of Soputa and Sanananda. Was wounded and in hospital in Australia to August 1943, then served in Garrison Battalions until discharged as medically unfit for further service.

1950: Headmaster of Zig Zag.

MALONE, Albert Stanley 2/20th Bn. A.I.F.
8th Div.

Born 1915. at Pinnaroo (S.A.)

Sydney Teachers' College 1935-36.

Enlisted June 1941 from Pintebakana Overseas from 17/9/41 to 1/2/46.

Served as Machine Gunner in several battles in Malaya, wounded 15/2/42, permanent arm disability.

P.O.W. from fall of Singapore, endured terrible trials and many ailments.

1950 - Headmaster of Euston.

MANDERSON, Lloyd William A.B. R.A.N.

Born 1924 at Broken Hill.

Educated Broken Hill - Primary and Secondary.

Enlisted from Sydney Teachers' College, January,1943.

Served to Feb.1946 at Flinders, and H.M.A.S.Rushcutter. On H.M.A.S. Adelaide in Indian Ocean on escort duties, and on H.M.A.S. Maryborough on escort and mine sweeping in Pacific and on coast of China.

Completed teacher training, 1947. Received Dip. Phy.Training.

MANGAN, Wallace — Private 2/4 Bn.A.I.F.

Born 1924 at Mortlake.

Educated at Sydney Tech.High School and Teachers' College.

Service in Australia - N.S.W. and Qld. was 858 days.

Service overseas was 552 days, at Aitape, We Wak, and Rabaul and North New Guinea compaign.

Suffered tropical service ailments.

At Teachers' College in 1947-48, in 1950 at Bathurst High School.

MANUEL, Keith Lawrence

Born 1919.

Educated at Fort St.High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted February, 1942. Landed with 36th Battalion at Port Moresby in May,1942. The Japs made many air raids on Port Moresby and troops. His Battalion was very active in Owen Stanley range and Kokoda Trail, was later flown over the mountains to Sanananda and remained in action until Jap. defeat in this area. Transferred to 24 Brigade Signals and remained with them throughout the Lae and Finschhafen Campaigns. In the Borneo Campaign he was with 2/43 Bn. in the first moves of the Landings on Labuan and Mainland.

1950. Mirra View.

MARSH, Maxwell Frederick — Acting Bombardier. 2/17 Light Anti Aircraft Bty. A.I.F.

Born 1915 at Mudgee.

Educated at Mudgee and Maitland High Schools and Armidale Teachers'College.

Enlisted in December,1941 in 2/17 Light Anti-Aircraft Battery.

Embarked from Townsville for Port Moresby May 1942. In many Jap.raids while serving at Moresby, Milne Bay, Buna, and Dobadura. He was promoted to A/Bombardier.

MARTIN, Harry — Flying Officer R.A.A.F.

Born 1919 at Kogarah.

Educated at Kogarah Inter High,Canterbury High & Sydney Teachers' College.

In four schools he graduated ffom A.C.2 to Sergeant Pilot (April 1942 to April 1943), then in 1943 he became F/Sergeant. He did coastal Reconnaissance from Nowra, and then as a liberator Second Pilot at Tocumwal he was

MARTIN, Harry (Contd.)

promoted Warrant Officer. With 24 Squadron on operational service from Queensland he became Pilot Officer and with same unit based on Morotai he was promoted F./O.

In his service he made reconnaissances from Darwin to Celebes, Java, Flores,Timor, and other Islands and shipping. Prior to our landings in Borneo he was engaged in raids from Morotai on Jap air strips in Celebes to make them inoperative. He was also in raids on Balikfapen,Macassar and Banjermasin. He was in 18 operational sorties covering 186 hours, his total flying hours were 1176.

1950: Tarrabandra, near Gundagai.

MARTIN, Albert Whyte.B.A. F./Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1912 at Sydney.

Educated at Sydney Tech.High and Teachers' College.

Service was mainly over the oceans from Australian Bases. The work was in Convoy and Anti-Submarine patrols, search for Mines, Survivors, and floating objects, and bombing raids on Java and islands northwest of Australia.

Promotions were through all stages to Flight Lieutenant.

1950: Headmaster, Kendall.

+ MASTERS , Robert Louis F./Sergeant R.A.A.F.

Home town - Tumut.

Sydney T.College,1939-40.

Enlisted from Book Book. Stationed in South of England, then Lichfield, then Lincolnshire for operations over North Sea and Germany.

Missing after a successful heavy raid in Germany.

MARTIN, Anthony Joffre, D.F.C. F./O.,R.A.A.F.

Born 1917 at Yass.

Educated at St.Patricks College, Goulburn and St.Joseph's College,Hunters Hill, and Sydney Teachers' College.

Service in Australia was from July,1940 to October,1941; overseas from October,1941 to February,1945. Promotions were L.A.C., Sergeant, Flight-Sergeant, Warrant Officer, P./O., and F./O. Areas of his service were Canada, United Kingdom, Algeria, Tourisia, Italy, Egypt,Palestine, and India. He won his D.F.C. in operations with the R.A.F.on photo reconnaissance from North Africa over the West half of the Mediterranean.

1950: CROYDON.

+ MAUGHAN, Francis — S./Pilot and W.O., R.A.A.F.

Born 1921

Educated at St.John's, Woodlawn, and Armidale T.College.

Enlisted June, 1941 from South Belmore.

Gained promotion through all stages and became a S./Pilot Flying Instructor, Killed in Hudson aircraft crash on a training flight off Coast of Victoria - 4/5/1945

MAXWELL, Thomas William B.Sc — Squadron Leader,R.A.A.F.

Born 1911 at Grafton.

Educated at Grafton High, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

At eleven centres in Australia most of his first three years' service was spent in training pilots, navigators, and navigation wireless operators in navigation.

Then followed two consecative operational tours with 20 Squadron in Catalinas as Navigator. 20 Squadron was based on Cairns and Darwin. Most of his 60 sorties were made from U.S.A. aircraft tenders based in Leyte Gulf, Manila Bay, and at Labuan Island, Mining of harbours, straits and estuories included Sourabaya, Celebas, Halmaheras, Bangka Straits, Manila Bay, Hainan and Chinese Coast. Some bombing was also done in the latter stages on airstrips in Celebes to prevent their use by Japs. When Jap surrender took place theCatalinas lifted P.O.W.from Singapore. Squadron leader Maxwell had the pleasure of being in the Catalina which lifted the first batch of prisoners.

1950: Science Master of Cowra High School.

MAYHEW, Neville F. — Private 2/17 Bn.A.I.F.

Born 1922.

Enlisted August,1941. Served to 12/11/45.

Commenced teaching after 2 years at Sydney Teachers' College in May.1948.

MECKIFF, Charles Gordon.B.A.- — Lieut.2/43 Bn.A.I.F.

Born 1913 at Melbourne.

Educated Sydney High, Sydney T.C. and University.

In 1941 was Instructor in Driving and Maintenance of Vehicles, in 1942 Instructor in Map Reading and Field Sketching. Promoted Cpl. and Sergeant. When unit moved to Queensland he was retained as Instructor and promoted W/O. In June, 1943 promoted Lieut.and posted to Canungra for Jungle training.

MECKIFF, Charles Gordon,(Contd)

In several New Guinea actions. During reorganizing on Atherton Tableland, he was Adjutant., then transferred to H.qrs.Staff. Posted to Morotai, and served in Labuan and Borneo Campaigns, Mentioned in Dispatches for Distinguished Service in South-West Pacific Area.

1950: Bondi.

MAYOH, George David, H.Dip.Agr.

Born 1913 at Grenfell.

Educated at Fort St.High, three years at Hawkesbury Agr.College, and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted in 2/18 Bn. at Bathurst Camp, sailed to Malaya in the "Queen Mary" was a prisoner of war from fall of Singapore for 3½ years. Worked on an aerodrome at Mergui and on Burma - Siam railway. Many diseases broke out, and many died, worked on wharves at Bangkok and Saigon. Returned to Singapore to work on air-raid shelters, went in a filthy,overcrowded ship to Nagasaki to work in a coal mine until released by Americans.

1950: Blackfriars Correspondence School.

MEPSTEAD, Donald Clifford. Corporal, R.A.A.F.

Born 1921 at Maitland.

Educated at Maitland J.T. and Newcastle High Schools, and Sydney Teachers' College.

After training at Bradfield Park, he was "grounded" on account of eyesight, trained as Armourer and served at Port Pirie and Gawler, before going to Merauke with 86 Squadron in July,1943. Was a year here and was promoted Corporal. He then spent 9 months in a Chemical Research Unit at Bowen.

1950: Granville Secondary Technical School.

METCALF, Rodney Ellis. Bomberdier,Artillery,A.I.F.

Born 1920 Richmond.

Educated Epping,Fort St.High, Sydney T.C.and University.

Dec.1941 to July 1942 - Artillery Training. July 1942 to Sept.1943 with Armoured Div.in Westralia - 7 Field Regt. Completed a year in Jungle Training at Canungra. Suffered a breakdown, in several hospitals until discharge in July 1945.

MIDDENWAY, Frank Ivan, H.Dip.Agr. Staff Sergeant
2/4 Armoured Regt.A.I.F.

Born 1915 at Kelso.

Educated at Cleveland St, Canterbury High, Hawkesbury Agr.College and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted July, 1941. Trained as an Armourer and gained Distinction at two schools, was attached to an American Unit to study mechanism and uses of American Small Arms. Served with 2/4 Armoured Regiment in N.S.W.and Queensland, and in New Guinea in Madang, Aitape and Wewak Campaigns, during which he was promoted Staff Sergeant.

1950: Bathurst.

MILLER, Ian F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1916 at Cumnock.

Educated at Granville J.T.and Hurlstone Agr.High Schools and Sydney Teachers' College.

Selected at Bradfield Park for training in Canada, trained at Edmonton as Navigator. Arrived in England - ex "Mauritania" during a period of heavy enemy bombing. Trained in Wellington, Halifax and Lancaster Bombers, and was posted to 576 Squadron near Grimsby. Three nights earlier only 6 crews had returned out of 15, and the night before his arrival here 8 crews out of 17 were missing. His first sortie was on guns and troop concentrations at Le Havre, the second on Frankfort, then followed attacks on enemy dromes in Occupied Europe and the Ruhr areas, including Neuss, Saarbrucken, Stuttgart, Essen(by day and night) Cologne (day and Night), Dusseldorf, Bockum oil refineries (What a blaze!) Gelsenkirchen, Essen again and Ludwigshaven. Other targets included submarine pens any gun emplacements at Calais(twice), guns at Cape Gris Nez, Frieburg, Merseburg, Coblenz, Bonn, Nuremburg and Munich.

During this period he was promoted F./O. and at the end of the tour was posted as Navigation Instructor to an operational Unit.

On one raid their inner starboard engine was hot and set on fire, and each crew, on return to base, reported them as shot down in flames, when they finally landed they found over 80 bullet holes in their plance.

Recommended three times for leadership and gallantry.

1950: MORTDALE.

MILLER, Stewart — Capt.53 Field Battery.A.I.F.

Born 1918 at Fairfield.

Educated at Hurlstone Agr.High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Joined A.I.F.as Gunner, Sept.1940, promoted Bombardier July, and Lieut. in Sept.1941. Served in New Guinea in the defence of Port Moresby, Kokoda Irail, and Lae Campaign. Promoted Captain.

After Jap.surrender he was the Unit Education Officer.

1950: PEAKHURST.

MILLER, Trevor William George B.A. — 1st Class Honours and University Medal in Education.

Born 1915 at Bringelly. — Flight Lieut. D.F.C., R.A.A.F.

Educated at Parramatta High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Completed training as Pilot at Bradfield, Narrandera and Bundaberg, before his posting to England, where he joined the R.A.F.Bomber Command.

He qualified as Instructor on twin engined aircraft and heavy bombers.

Between July,1943 and May,1945 he took part in thirty raids over Germany and Occupied Europe, was promoted F/Lt., was Captain of a Lancaster Bomber, and won the D.F.C.

Citation.

As pilot and captain of aircraft, FLYING OFFICER MILLER has completed a large number of sorties against a wide variety of heavily defended targets.

On one occasion during an attack against Russelheim, his aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter while in the target area but FLYING OFFICER MILLER displayed skilful airmanship, which resulted in the probable destruction of the enemy aircraft, and he then successfully completed the mission.

As flight commander, this officer's fine fighting spirit outstanding leadership and great courage have largely contributed to the successes achieved by his flight.

1950 - Lecturer in Education at Newcastle Teachers' College.

MILES, Albert Edward F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1899. Manly.

Educated Grafton and Sydney High, University,Sydney Teachers' College-1929.

Enlisted at age 16 in 1915. Discharged when age ascertained.

Enlisted in 1917. Sailed to England. Stretcher-bearer and Dispatch Rider in France 1918.

In Second War enlisted Dec.1941, as A.C.1 -- R.A.A.F., and posted to Officers' School, Melbourne. Served overseas at HORNE Island and Milne Bay. After hospital at P.Moresby was F./Lieut. and Acting Squadron Leader at various stations in Australia. Posted to Morotai Island in May 1945, was Beach Control Officer with A.I.F. for Landings at Labuan, Btunei, and Balikpapen. Highly commended by G.O.C. for excellent co-operation and initiative. While dashing ashore at Lahuan in a landing barge he was thrilled to see his son Bill's Liberator overhead, providing cover.

1950 - Headmaster at Dubbo.

MILSON, Lancelot Manuel. Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1914 Armidale.

Education Armidale Primary,Secondary and T.College.

Enlisted Apr.1941, became Instructor in Wireless in January,1942, in Air Gunners in March, 1942. Promotions L.A.C. Cpl., Sergeant, Instructor in Codes and Signals, Instructor of Dutch Airmen. Tried hard to go overseas, but was retained as Instructor and Examiner.

1950: Milson's Creek.

MITCHELL, Leonard Henry B.A. Sgt. 2/6 Armoured Regt.A.I.F.

Born 1910 in Cornwall.

Educated Cornwall, Parramatta High, Sydney T.C.and University.

Served as Instructor in several camps in four States. In New Guinea Campaigns at Moresby, Buna and Milne Bay. Transferred to R.A.P. as Squadron Medical Orderly, promoted Sgt.

1950: Inspector of Schools, Inverell.

MIROW, Ronald Joseph. P./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1919.

Educated at De La Salle and Teachers' Colleges, Armidale.

Enlisted from Oakburn, Dec.1942.

He won his Wings at Evans Head, sailed April,1944 for England and completed his Air Training in North Ireland.

Completed thirty flights in Mosquito Bombers over Germany.

Killed 13/4/1945 in Aircraft crash in England.

Burried at Cambridge.

MONAGHAN, Francis. Warrant Officer.

(Missing) K.I.A.

Enclisted from Belmore South.

MONAGHAN, James Lang F./Lt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1910 Nowra.

Educated Nowra, Newcastle High, Sydney T.College.

All promotions from A.C.2 to F./Lt.

MITCHELL, William Henry. F./O., R.A.A.F.

Born 1914 at Glen Innes.

Educated at Junior Tech. and High Schools Maitland and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted April,1942 and after gaining high passes in five schools in Australia, was posted to Canada as Sergeant having passes from AC2, and L.A.C. Trained at Edmonton and Prince Edward Island and was promoted F./Sgt on reaching England,September,1943.

He took part in 36 bombing and mining sorties over Germany, Norway and France, including Brent,Cuppel, Le Havie, Munster, Cleve,Duisburg(twice) Kattegut(2) Cologue (twice) Dusseldorf,Gelsenkirchen (2) Oslo Fiord(twice) Essen(3 times), Oonabruck, Mulheim, Soarbrucken, Leipzig, Cologne,Maing, Chemnitz, etc. as Navigator.

Promoted P./O. and F./O. and was recommended for D.F.C. for constant, conspicuous gallantry and efficiency. His crew held the mining record for 102 Squadron. On completion of the tour he was appointed Log Analysis Officer of the Squadron.

1950: Watson's Creek, via Bendemeer.

MOIR, Colin F./Lt. R.A.A.F.

Served from March,1943 to 1946. In Canada for six months in 1941. Then in England for 28 months. Took part in over 30 raids in Germany and Occupied Europe. Then served from Darwin, Morotai, and Borneo to the end of the war.

Promoted all steps to F./Lieut.

1954: Dulwich Hill.

MOLLISON, James Valentine Corporal,32 A.A.Battery,A.I.F.

Served continuously from Dec.1941 to Nov.1942 in Militia and from November,1942 to May 1946 in A.I.F.

After Anti-aircraft training at George's Heights and Clarendon he went to Port Moresby with 32 Heavy A.A.Battery and served there from Sept.1942 to October,1944. Then served at Morotai and Labuan with 2 Landing Group from March to Sept.1945.

1950: Gurley.

MOLONEY, Edward Augustine. Sgt,Instructor, A.I.F.

Born 1915 at Picton.

Educated at St.Patrick's College,Goulburn and Sydney Teachers' College.

Served in Six camps in Qld.,N.S.W.and Victoria as Sergeant Instructor in Infantry and Mechanized Transport. Was Licence Testing Officer. Was on instructional duties for whole period of service, 1942-1945.

MOODIE, Arthur Neville, B.A. Lieut.2/4 Field Regt. Artillery A.I.F.

Born 1915.at Newcastle.

Educated at Marist Bros. High School,Darlinghurst, Sydney Teachers'College and University.

Enlisted July,1940. Promoted to Sergeant by December,1940 came top of an N.C.O.School at Warwick Farm and of an Officer Training School, and promoted Lieutenant 1/5/1941. Sailed on "Queen Elizabeth" to Middle East in October,1941. Returned to Australia,April,1942 and moved to Queensland to occupy anti-invasion positions. Received paratroop training with Americans. Arrived by plane at Nadzah as Regimental Survey Officer. Following capture of Lae, he led the Survey Section to the Rama Valley, and carried out extensive mapping, and provided all data for the bombardment and capture of Shaggy Ridge. Surveyed and registered all targets

MOODIE, Arthur Neville (Contd)

for attack on Mount Prothero and Kankiryo Saddle.

Had charge of all technical schools in the regiment during training periods in Australia and New Guinea, and was responsible for testing and training of all new officers and N.C.O's in the technical side of artillery work.

1950 - Maroubra Junction.

MOORE, John William, B SC(Agr) F./Lieut., R.A.A.F.

Born 1917 at Newcastle.

Educated at Newcastle High, Sydney Teachers' College and University(Faculty of Agriculture). Entered R.A.A.F in March,1941. Posted to Canada for Air Observer Training July 1941 to March 1942 for Air Observer Training. Served with R.A.F.Bomber Command in United Kingdom with 102 Squadron from March to November,1942, to R.A.F.Malta with 104 Squadron Nov.1942 to April,1943, to Egypt,Tripolitania and Tunis with 104 Squadron from April to Nov.1943, and to Palestine from Nov.1943 to August 1944. Was promoted through all steps to Flight Lieut. Was Staff Officer Instructor in advanced Navigation,R.A.F., Palestine.

1950: Lecturer in Biology,Newcastle Teachers' College and Teacher of Science at Newcastle, Technical High School.

MOONEY, Patrick P.

Born 1902 at Ellangowan.

Educated at Ellagowan and Sydney T.C.

Served with Infantry and Artillery in New Guinea from Milne Bay in Aug. 1942 to March 1944.

1953: Correspondence School.

MOORE, Allan William Sgt. - R.A.A.F.

Born 1918 at Auburn.

Educated Campsie,Belmore Tech, Sydney Tech.High,Sydney Teachers' College. Became Ground Instructor, Flying Instructor, and Runway Designer,Service in Northern Territory. Total Service - 5 years.

MOORE, Douglas William B.A. L.A.C., R.A.A.F.

Born 1912 Crookwell.

Educated Lismore High and Armidale T.C.

Became Instructor in fitting, electricity on planes, and instruments.

Over three years in R.A.A.F. at various Australian Airfields.

Discharged as medically unfit.

1950: Camperdown.

MOORE, Milton Jeffrey, D.F.C. Wing-Commander, R.A.A.F.

CITATION FOR D.F.C.

Wing Commander MOORE has taken part in numerous day and night operations over Crete and the Aegean Islands, and in close support of day bombing sorties against targets in Italy.

On one occasion, he led the squadron in shadowing an important enemy convoy of ten vessels and, as a result, all but two of the ships were destroyed.

As Commanding Officer of the squadron, Wing Commander MOORE has won the confidence and respect of his men, and has set them an inspiring example by his devotion to duty. Under his brilliant leadership, many successes have been achieved.

Became a Permanent Air Force Officer.

MORGAN, William

MOORE, Phillip James Corporal,Infantry,A.I.F.

Born 1917 at Junee.

Educated at Junee I.H.and Wagga High Schools, and Sydney Teachers' College.

Was Infantry Instructor in Bathurst and Queensland from April 1942 to January 1943. Served in New Guinea Campaigns January,1943 to June,1944 and in Morotai and Borneo Campaign from January,1945 to January,1946.

Was a specialist in Small Arms and Malaria Control.

1950: West Kempsey.

MORAN, James A. Gunner,2/5 Field Regiment,A.I.F.

Served on "Queen Elizabeth" as anti-aircraft Gunner 1941, with 25 pounder artillery at Milne Bay in 1942-43, and with artillery at Port Moresby 1944.

1950: BOURKE STREET

Passed Staff College, (a high honour)

MORAN, Michael Benjamin, B.A. P.S.C. Brigade Major 1st.Bde. A.I.F.

Born 1913 at Bowraville.

Educated at De La Salle, Armidale Teachers' Colleges and Sydney University.

From October,1939 to June,1943 served in Australia, promoted from Lieutenant to Captain, April 1941 and Major June,1943. He was 2nd in command and then Acting C.O.of 13/33 Bn., A.I.F. He was a Graduate of the Australian Staff School.

Served overseas as 2nd in Command, 8Bn, A.I.F. and was also acting C.O. of same. Was mentioned in Despatches for distinguished service in S.W.Pacific Area. Served at LAE, WAU, EMIRAU Is., GREEN Is., TREASURY Is. and BOUGAINVILLE.

1950: Lecturer, Armidale Teachers' College.

Highly praised by Major-General Ivan Dougherty.

MORGAN, Thomas Philip L.A.C., R.A.A.F.

Born 1917 at Mayfield

Educated at Sydney High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Served with R.A.A.F.in Australia March, 1943 to July,1945, his special work being on High Frequency Radio and as Wireless Maintenance Mechanic.

1950: Emu Swamp, Orange.

MORISON, James Stanley Sergeant, R.A.A.F.

Born 1913 at Narrandera.

Educated at Narrandera I.H.,Wagga High, and Sydney Teachers' College.

He trained and served at the following places:- Victoria, Egypt,Durban, Buluwayo and Salisbury in Rhodesia, South Africa, and England.

His leg was fractured in a plane accident.

1950: Correspondence School, Blackfriars.

MORRIS, Arthur David F./Lt., R.A.A.F.

Born 1914 at Kurri.

Educated at Kurri, Maitland High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

In Norfolk Island Infantry Oct.1939 to May 1941. In 13th Bn.A.I.F.May to Sept.1941. Promoted Corporal. Transferred to R.A.A.F. Promoted L.A.C. October 1942, and P./O January 1943. Training in Canada Feb.1943 to Nov.1943. Promoted F./O in Alberta, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, and British Columbia. In Darwin for 13 months in 1944-1945. Promoted F./Lt. In Philippines Feb. to April.1945.

MORRIS, Arthur David (Contd)

While training in Victoria he made an enforced parachute descent and fractured ankle. Qualified thus as Member of the G.Q.Parachute Club. From Darwin he made an operational flight in a Dutch Navy Catalina to Nila in Banda Sea to put ashore Dutch Troops and machine guns to fight Japs. Reeeived G.O.C.commendation on his transfer of 76 men and 13 trucks from Townsville to Darwin via Cloncurry and Mt.Isa.

1950: Willoughby.

MORRIS, Harris Samuel, B.A., B.Sc. F./Lt.R.A.A.F.

Born 1913 Sydney.

Educated Wentworth Falls,Katoomba,Sydney T.C.and University.

High passes in Air Training Courses. Promoted all steps. Retained as Instructor at Western Junction, Lake Boga Flying Boat Repair Depot, Bradfield Park and Rathmines.

1950: Grafton High.

MORRIS, John Gilbert Corporal,22nd.Bde.Hqrs.A.I.F.

Born 1923.

Educated Gunnedah.

Enlisted at age of 17, Feb.1941, Sailed to Singapore in July,1941.

.O.W. 14/2/42 to 20/8/45. Sydney T.College, 47-48

1953: T C - Kelvin.

MORRIS, Howell James Flight Lieutenant, R.A.A.F.

Born 1919 at Lithgow.

Educated at Hurstville Central Tech, and Sydney Tech.High Schools, and Sydney Teachers' College.

From April to December,1942, served with Instructional Branch teaching driving and maintenance of trucks, Transferred to R.A.A.F. Aircrew, December,1942, After initial training in Australia he completed his training in Canada and England to be promoted to Heavy Bomber Pilot in 467 Squadron in Lincolnshire. The crew comprised five Englishmen and two Australians. This Squadron specialised in deep penetration and precision night bombing, and losses were severe. They destroyed the Dortmund - Ems Canal every month as soon as it was repaired, burned Munick, Dresden and Gydnia by carrying out 10 and 11 hour trips.

MORRIS, Howel James (Contd)

He was promoted to F.Lieut. After the German surrender he transferred to Tiger Force for training in long distance flying in the Pacific. Returned to Australia in January,1946 and joined 38 Transport Squadron flying with supplies to Darwin Morotai and Rabaul.

Discharged in December,1946.

1950: Sutherland I.H.School teaching Manual Arts and taking the Manual Arts Diploma Course.

MORROW, John — Sergeant, 2/1 Field Regiment A.I.F.

Born 1911 at Kyogle.

Educated at Kyogle I.H. and Lismore High Schools and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted in 1939, sailed to Palestine January,1940.

Served in the First Libyan Campaign from the attack on Bardia to the defence of positions South of Benghazi as Gunner.

He was in the Middle East from February,1940 to February,1942, in Ceylon from March to June,1942. Promoted Section Sergeant.

He had two periods of service in New Guinea, was at Port Moresby and Buna from October,1942 to August,1943; in the Buna-Sanananda Campaign he was forward observation post assistant, working with Americans. In the Aitape and Wewak Campaigns he was Gun Sergeant throughout.

1950: Deputy Headmaster, Miranda.

MORTON, Keith Wilson, B.A.Dip.Ed. — Lieut.2/17 Bn.A.I.F.

Born 1909 at Yackandandah. (Vic)

Educated at Wagga High as a Bursar, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Enlisted as Private in A.I.F. in March,1942, promoted Lance Corporal, Corporal and Sergeant by October, and was selected for Officers' Training School, was one of the few to qualify for a Commission. While awaiting this he was Sergeant Instructor at Cowra and Tenterfield. He joined 2/17 Battalion in New Guinea as Lieutenant and served in Huon Peninsula Campaign, November,1943 to March, 1944.

1950: English Master, Tamworth High School.

+ MOSES, George F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1919

Educated at Lismore High and Armidale T.College.

Enlisted from Central Bucca April 1942 in A.I.F. and was promoted immediately to Corporal. Selected for R.A.A.F. passed with credit through all stages to P./O. before sailing to England Dec.1942. Promoted F./O. and took part in over thirty attacks over Germany. K.I.A. over WURZBURG, Germany. 17/3/1944.

MOULTON, Kenneth Carlyle, B.Sc. Major C.O. 2/29 Field Battery, R.A.A., A.I.F.

Born 1908 at Urana.

Educated at Narrandera I.H.S., Hay Memorial High, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Joined Sydney University Regiment in 1928 and was promoted Major in 1940, when seconded to A.I.F. as Captain in Artillery. Embarked for Singapore in July,1941. On 8/12/1941 he moved to Battle Station on Airfield defence at Kluang and Kaharg, then moved to Gemas and down the mainland of Malaya. Promoted Major to command 2/29 Field Battery. Crossed to Singapore Island and fought till 15/2/1942. Was P.O.W. on Singapore to May,1943, when he was moved to Siam to work on Burma-Siam railway. Suffered Cholera and Malaria on this railway work.

1950: Science Master, Gosford High School.

MOWBRAY, Edward W./O., R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Sydney Teachers' College in December,1942. Gained Wings at Point Cook on twin-engine aircraft, and served as Staff Pilot at Ballarat and Mt.Gambier, training wireless observers for Beaufighters, Mosquitoes, and Dive Bombers.

On discharge in June,1945, he completed his Teachers' College course.

1954 Mirrool.

MOYLAN, Kenneth Thomas. Warrant Officer, R.A.A.F.

Born 1918 at West Maitland.

Educated at Marish Bros.- Primary and High - West Maitland and Armidale Teachers' College.

Joined Air Crew in August,1942, soon classified as Air Observer and promoted to L.A.C.

Sailed for United Kingdom, May,1943, via U.S.A. Promoted Sergeant.

Completed Training in Scotland, promoted Flight Sergeant in 299 Squadron, which was formed early in 1943 to train personnel for airborne invasion , parachutists and glider troops. Intruder raids were carried out to supply the Free French and Dutch Resistance with equipment, to Narass enemy, and to drop members of the Resistance Groups.

The 299 Squadron commenced operational flights in March,1944. F./Sgt. Moylan was in 18 Intruder Raids, 2 Bombing Raids, 3 Airborne drops at the Normandy Landings, 4 operations to Arnhem Spearhead, and a glider operation over the Rhine. At Arnhem 54 per cent of the Squadron were lost. He was promoted W./O. Flying hours on these 28 raids were 146, his total flying hours were 640.

1950: Bulga.

MUDIE, Jack Victor Lieut.2/20 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1907 at Windsor.

Educated at Canterbury and Fort St.High Schools and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted as a Private, soon promoted to Sergeant and selected to attend the Officers' training school, Duntroon, where he was one of a very few to win a Commission, Promoted Lieutenant in Januaryl941 and sailed for Malaya the "Queen Mary". He was Interpreter and Liaison Officer with the natives when his unit was in a remote area on the Pahang border.

Taken to Japan as P.O.W.

1950: Headmaster of Unanderra.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LIBRARY

MULHOLLAND, William James Major. Hqrs.Army Edn.

V. First World War. Did outstanding educational work by introducing films as aids. He borrowed films from General Motors and U.S.Navy. He introduced the first psychological unit to test and allot new enlistments.

1950:- Hm. Daceyville. Obit.

MUMFORD, John William, B.Sc. Staff Captain,Hqrs. New Guinea Force.

Born 1916. Krambach.

Educated Gosford High, Sydney T.C.and University.

Was Lieut. in University Regt., transferred to A.I.F. Promoted from Signals Div.to Hqrs. Second Army, A.I.F., for General Staff. On Hqrs. with New Guinea Force and later on Hqrs. 2nd Aust.Corps.

1950: Parkes High.

MUNDAY, Neville.

MURDOCH, Rodney Ernest Sgt.Heavy Bty. R.A.A.

Promoted Gunner to Sergeant. With "N" Heavy Bty. in Buna and Lae Campaigns Oct.1942 to Dec.1944. Appointed to Singapore Jan.1945, and did splendid effective and tactful work in P.O.W. Reception Group.

1950: Asst.Supervisor, Physical Education Branch.

MURPHY, David Richard F./Sgt.Navigator,Bomb aimer, R.A.A.F.

In England was posted to R.A.F.Squadron. Each plane carried one 4000 lb. bomb. He flew 22 sorties over Germany with this and "Light Night Striking Force".

1950: Woonona.

MURPHY, James Patrick. Pte.2/32 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1903

Educated Christian Bros.Wagga and Sydney T.College.

Served in Lae and Finsshafen Campaigns. Wounded.

1950: Hm. Minto.

MURPHY, John Armstrong - Warrant Officer.

K.I.A.

MUIR, George William, B.Sc. Flying Officer, R.A.A.F.

Born 1922 at Lithgow.

Educated at Lithgow and North Sydney High Schools, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Served in Militia, April-December,1942. Joined R.A.A.F. Dec.1942 as Air Crew Trainee.

In Militia he was promoted Corporal andSergeant. In the R.A.A.F. he was promoted to Pilot Officer on completion of five schools in Australia.

In the United Kingdom he was promoted F./O and was Navigator.

Served in Britain from March,1944 to August,1945.

Post War.

In 1949 he was awarded the G.S.Caird Scholarship and received his B.Sc. with First Class Honours in Geography.

1950: Junior Lecturer in Geography Sydney Teachers' College.

MURPHY, Reginald Edmond, B.A.,Dip.Ed. Corporal R.A.A.F.

Born 1910 at Deepwater.

Educated at Fort st.Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Trained at Tocumwal and Brisbane in Top Secret Intelligence, and his work cannot be published.

In Oct.1946 he spent a week at Biak in Dutch New Guinea, then at Leyte Gulf in Phillipines to May,1945, then at Sen Miguel on Luzon until end of the war.

1950: Canterbury High School.

MURRAY, Keith Edward, B.A. Dip.Ed. Sgt.2 and 25 Heavy A.A.Bty, and L.A.C., R.A.A.F.

Enlisted March 1941, Served at Darwin Nov.1941 to Dec.1943.

Promoted Sgt. Transferred to Westralia. In June, 1944 he transferred to R.A.A.F. and became L.A.C.

1950: Canterbury High.

MURRAY, William Henry, Gunner L.A.A.Battery,A.I.F.

Born 1923.

Enlisted from Armidale Teachers' College.

Died as P.O.W.

NASH, Leslie Edward — Flying Officer, R.A.A.F.

Born 15/5/15 Sydney.

Educated Sydney Tech.High. Teachers' College - 1933-34.

Commenced R.A.A.F. training at Townsville 26/5/41., from Bradfield Park was posted to R.D.F., 9 operational Unit. At school of Administration, then posted to R.A.A. F. Command, and in July, 1945 to Hqrs.N.W.Area. Served overseas at Timor and Koepang. Highly complimented by C.O., promoted Corporal, Sergeant, Pilot Officer, and Flying Officer. Acted as interpreter. Commended for photographic work and preparation for raids on shipping and installations and for completeness of invasion data for Borneo invasion.

Was O.I.C. Lesser Sunda Area, Java and also O.I.C. Photo Intelligence Hqrs. N.W.Area.

Suffered the usual tropical service ailments.

1950: Senior M.T.Instructor at Bowral High School.

NAGLE, Athol Gervase — Cpl. 2/30th Bn.

Enlisted from Hyde's Creek.

K.I.A. In Malaya on 15th January, 1942.

MAISMITH, Phillip Francis — Capt.Australian General Transport, A.I.F.

Enlisted March,1941 in Gen.Transport Coy. Promoted Lieut. January,1942, and Captain (Temp) April,42, and Capt.May 1944. With 2/110 A.G.Transport Coy.in Northern Territory and Lines of Communication from March 1942 to May 1945. Then six months in New Guinea and fifteen in Japan. Placed on Reserve of Officers July,1947.

1954: Narrandera.

MANCARROW, Ernest Eugene — Sgt. R.A.A., A.I.F.

Born 1905 Ourimbah.

Educated Gosford High, Sydney T.C.

Promoted Sgt. Speedily and appointed Instructor in School of Artillery, Liverpool, and in several camps in three States. In Middle East, Sept. 1941 to April, 1942. In New Guinea and New Britain in 1945.

1950: Hm. Lawrence.

NANNELLI, Norman Clifford, B.A. Cpl. and Gunner, A.I.F.

Born 1912, Haberfield.

Educated Cleveland St., Metropolitan Bus.College, Sydney T.C.

Trained in Infantry Camps, Selected for Anti-Paratroop Unit and promoted Cpl. to go overseas, he became Gunner in Light A.A.Bty. Relieved Americans defending Airfield on Horn Island, Torres St. In several Jap. raids. Returned to Australia Sept.1944. Serious illness. Transferred to Army Ordinance in Queensland until end of war.

1950: Leichhardt.

NAUGHTON, Paul Thorburn. Flight Sergeant, R.A.A.F.

Born 1907 at Essendon (Vic)

Trained at Sydney Teachers' College, from October 1940 to July, 1945. Was selected to study aircraft engines, and on doing splendid work became an Instructor on such at No.1 Engineering School, Victoria. Was promoted from Fitter 2 to F./Sergeant. Being screened for this important work precluded any posting overseas.

1950: Karkatt.

NEAL, Keith Vincent. Radio Telephonist.R.A.A.F.

Born 1914 at Greta.

Educated at Weston, Maitland High and Armidale Teachers' College.

After training in Australia throughout 1942 on radio, served at Port Moresby 1943 to 1945.

1950: Upper Coninda.

NEALL, Charles James F./O., R.A.A.F.

Born 1917 at Balmain.

Educated at Carlton, Hurstville J.T., and Sydney Tech.High School and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted Sept.1941. Was promoted from A.C.2, L.A.C., Sgt.Pilot F./Sgt. Pilot and Pilot officer before serving in Kitty hawk Fighter Squadron in New Guinea, Goodenough Is., Admiralty Is. and Noemfour Is. Promoted Flying Officer, and, on completion of F./O's course at Point Cook, was appointed Service Flying Instructor at Uranquinty. He completed nine months on operations, covering 101 operational hours.

1950: Senior Teacher of Manual Arts, Mudgee High School.

NEATE, Henry George — Lieut., Army Education Service, A.I.F.

Born 1909 at West Wallsend.

Educated at Cessnock I.H. and Maitland High Schools, and Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Enlisted from Kurri, February, 1942. Trained in Motorised Regt. Promoted Corporal. Promoted Sergeant Instructor in Jungle Leaders' School in Queensland. In January, 1945 was transferred to Army Education Service in 1st Army Area, working from Lae. Promoted Lieutenant.

He designed and helped to build "Charing Cross" Educational Centre in New Guinea, this was considered a show place for visits by Australian and American educational workers.

He was in charge of text book distribution in New Guinea and Islands.

1950: Headmaster, East Cessnock.

NELSON, Jack — Radar Instructor: R.A.A.F.

Born 1916 at Sunderland, England.

Educated Mittagong, Bowral High, Sydney T.College.

Service at Darwin, Morotai, and Borneo.

1953: Gilgandra.

NETTLE, Maurice Alfred B.Sc., Dip.Ed. — F./Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1915 at Broken Hill.

Educated at Armidale High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

After an intensive seven months' course at the Melbourne Weather Bureau in 1940 he was sent to Rathmines Flying Boat Base to forecast weather conditions. In Feb.1942 he was posted to Sydney Weather Bureau and Rose Bay. In December 1943 was posted to BIRDUM in N.T., and then to HUGHES AIRSTRIP, then occupied by bombers on raids over the TIMOR SEA. His duty was to inform crews on type of clouds to expect, strength and direction of winds at various heights, and particularly cloud cover over the targets. In Sept.1944, he was promoted Flight Lieutenant and posted back to BIRDUM in charge of the Meteorological Section and the Area Meteorological Stores (supplying all the Northern Territory). In March 1945 was posted to Sydney Weather Bureau and Rose Bay Base.

1950: Cowra High School.

NEUHAUS, Theodore Frederick Charles,B.A.,Dip.Ed. Flight Lieutenant, R.A.A.F.

Born at Glebe Point,1919

Educated at Parramatta High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

In 1940 he served in the University Regiment as Machine gunner.

In May,1941 he enlisted in theR.A.A.F. Embarked in July,1942 for training in Canada as Air Observer. He graduated Air Navigator, Bomb-aimer and Pilot Officer. Arrived in England In June,1943, and posted to R.A.F. to Coastal Operational Training Unit in Wales, and took part in several Air-Sea Rescue Searches and anti-submarine work over the Atlantic. He was Navigator on 621 Mobile Squadron against submarines in Atlantic and Bay of Biscay.

In Sept.1943 he operated over the Mediterranean from North Africa bases; then operated against submarines and raiders, and protected convoys, and did Sea-Air rescue work from Mombara, Mogadishu, Aden, and Socotra. His bomber forced a number of enemy submarines to dive, and assisted in the rescue of survivors of torpedoed ships and ditched aircraft. He was appointed Navigation Instructor in Palestine and promoted Flight Lieut-enant.

1950: Fort St.High School.

NEIL, Wilfred David, B.A. Captain, 56th Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1908 at Balmain.

Educated at Cowra I.H.S., Sydney Teachers' College and University.

In camps of continuous training from Sept.1939 to June 1941, then on full time duty with A.I.F. In Westralia from July 1942 to April,1944, and in Queensland to Oct.1944. Commissioned in December,1939, promoted Captain, Dec.1940, and Company Commander June, 1941.

1950: Headmaster of Uralla.

NEWMAN, Patrick Stanislaus; B.A. Sergeant, A.I.F.

Born 1910 Toowoomba.

Educated St.Stanislaus,Bathurst, St.John's in University of Sydney.

Enlisted 1940. In 1st Armoured Division in Westralia, 1941-1943. In New Guinea campaigns 1943-1945. Posted to Army Psychological Service in 1946. Promoted in field.

1953: Albury High.

NETHERY, Edward John. Sgt.2/11 A.G.Hospital.

Enlisted from Lismore July.1941. Posted to 2/11 Australian Gen.Hospital in Palestine, December,1941 as Nursing Orderly and Stretcher Bearer. Returned to Australia to Warwick. Promoted Cpt. and Sgt. In New Guinea at Dobudura Clearing Hospital from July,1943 to June 1944. This was a clearing hospital for LAE Campaign. Patients were sent by air to Moresby. Unit transferred to MADANG then to AITAPE to cover the AITAPE-WEWAK Campaign. Promoted Pay Sergeant. Returned with hospital to MERRYLANDS, November,1945. This hospital treated 25,000 cases. Discharge, March 1946.

1954: Burrenjuck.

NICHOLSON, Allan. Sgt. Observer R.A.A.F.

Born 1915.

Educated Wollongong and Grafton High Schools and Armidale T.C.

Enlisted from Coalcroft, 1940.

K.I.A. 9/5/1942 in operation from England.

NICHOLSON, William Albert Sgt.Instructor.2/2 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1911 Lithgow.

Educated Bowral High, Sydney T.C.

Enlisted 1/12/41. In May 1942 selected as Instructor at Bathurst, and later Instructor of N.C. O's in Jungle Training at Canungra. He surrendered rank to go overseas. Served in AITAPE and WEWAK Campaigns.

1950: HM. Barham.

NICHOLLS, John Henry Signaller,Div.Signals,A.I.F.

Born 1903 at West Maitland.

Educated at Marish Bros.West Maitland, and Hereford House,Sydney.

Served in Australia from Aug.to Nov.1941, and in Malaya Dec.to Feb.1942. Was P.O.W. working in Sigapore,Burma, and Siam, and suffered serious ailments.

1950: Deputy Headmaster, Double Bay.

NILAND, William Martin. L.A.C. R.A.A.F.

Was Radar Operator for 15 months in Australia, also Instructor in Radar. Served 18 months in New Guinea.

NILSEN, Arthur Sgt.2/6 Field Engineer. A.I.F.

On National Art Gallery Staff. In two World Wars.

Enlisted May,1940 as the 9th member of 2/6 Field Engineers.

In the March from Ingleburn to Bathurst.

Embarked 18/10/1940 on "Queen Mary" for Middle East.

On the move from Palestine to Western Desert, his section was attacked in crossing Suez Canal by German bobmbers. In Battle of Bardia 3/5/41 and Capture of TOBRUK. Spent two weeks cleaning up land mines and unloading ships. Advanced to Benghazi and El Aguila.

Was in Retreat from Beaghazi to Mersa Matruh.

After a term in Syria the unit returned to Australia.

His next active service was as O.C. Small Craft - four- along the North Coast of New Guinea. He was evacuated after a Jap raid with a severe wound. At the end of the War he was Sgt. Instructor in Seamanship and Navigation in Queensland.

NORMINTON, Ronald Gordon B.A. Sgt.Instructor, A.M.F. F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1916 Port Augusta.

Educated Broken Hill Pub.and High, Sydney T.C.and University.

Speedily promoted Cpl. and Sgt. and Instructor at Bathurst A.I.F.Camp. Retained two years as Instructor, then enlisted in R.A.A.F. Gained rapid promotions to L.A.C., P./O., and F./O,

1950: Daceyville.

NORTHMORE, Darius Bede F./Sergeant, R.A.A.F.

Educated Sydney Teachers' College 1936-37.

Enlisted from Walmer.

Killed in crash in Scotland.

NOONAN, Edward Ernest — Sergeant, 2/2 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1911 at Leadville.

Educated at Taree High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted October, 1939.

Served with 2/2 Bn. in Palestine and Egypt in 1940 and in Libya, Greece and Syria in 1941. Wounded in Battle of Pineas River Gorge in Greece. Promoted Corporal and Sergeant.

His battles were Bardia, Tobruck, and Pineas R. Gorge, all in 1941.

Served also in Ceylon and in two New Guinea Campaigns, 1942-43.

Being medically reclassified as B2, he became Army Education Service Instructor for two years in North Queensland.

1950: Teacher Librarian, Armidale Demonstration School.

OAKDEN, John Francis. — Sgt. 2/8 Field Regt. A.I.F.

Born 1904 Brisbane.

Sydney Teachers' College.

Sailed for Middle East, April, 1941. Returned to Australia, Feb, 1943.

1945 Service in Netherlands East Indies. In Hospital in Egypt and Palestine.

1950: Master Pty. Dept. Muswellbrook.

O'BRIEN, Charles Brian. B.Ec. B.Ed. — Major, E.D. and Bar, 2/18 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1906 at Eaglehawk (Vic)

Educated at Christian Bros. North Melbourne, and Marist Bros. College, Kilmore, and Sydney Teachers' College and University. Also as a post war correspondence student of Melbourne University. In his service with Sydney University Regiment he was promoted Sergeant, Lieut, and Captain. In a three months' camp in 1939-40 his Company won the trophy for the most efficient company in S.U.Regt. Joined A.I.F. in July, 1940, and was appointed O.C. "B" Coy, 2/18 Bn. Sailed on "Queen Mary", January, 1941 to Singapore. Served in Penang and on Siam border. Promoted Major. Took prominent part in Battles of Mersing, Jemulang, Causeway Bridgehead and Singapore Island. Promoted to command 2/18th in action, vice Brigadier Varley (promoted). Mentioned in Despatches by British Command

O'BRIEN, Charles Brian (Contd)

for service as C.O. 2/18 Bn.

15/2/42 Became P.O.W.

As P.O.W. he was on administrative duties for four months, on aerodrome construction and repairs in Lower Burma and on Burma-Siam railway for a year. He was then at several camps in Siam on all sorts of jobs - administrative, building, wood-cutting, gardening, pumping water etc. until liberation.

As a Post War student he gained his B.Ed. degree with Distinction in all subjects.

1950: Headmaster, Stroud. 1954: Headmaster, Canley Vale.

O'BRIEN, Geoffrey John L.A. C., R.A.A.F.

Served from July, 1944 to July 1946 in three States.

After promotion to L.A.C., he was remustered as Medical Orderly.

1956: Dulwich Hill.

O'BRIEN, John Harvey F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1913 at Sydney.

Educated at Cleveland st. and Sydney High, and Armidale Teachers'College.

Enlisted in R.A.A.F. in September, 1942, and was trained as Air Observer Navigator. Sailed to Canada, June 1943. Trained in Canada and on Prince Edward Island. Arrived in England in December 1943.

Completed 31 operations over Germany and Occupied Europe in Halifax Heavy Bombers by January, 1945. Was promoted through all steps to Flying Officer.

1950: Headmaster, Nimmitabel.

O'BRIEN, John Joseph Bombardier 1st Field Regiment A.I.F.

Born 1908 at Manilla (N.S.W.)

Educated at St.Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill, and Sydney Teachers'College.

Enlisted December 1941. In 1943 he attended the Artillery Staff School at Liverpool and came top. Promoted Bombardier. Served at various centres in Australia, including Darwin from June, 1943 to July 1945.

1950: Headmaster of Gladstone.

O'CONNELL, Francis Emanuel F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1922. Trained at Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Narrabri I.H.School, Dec.1942.

Qualified as Pilot in Feb.1943, won Commission at Evans Head and sailed to England October 1943. Transferred to R.A.F.Bomber Command at Huntingdon. Was a member of the famous Pathfinder Force, whose duty was to go in ahead of main Bombing Squadron, and drop coloured flares on the targets for the Bombers.

On such a mission onthe night of 4th July,1944, he had effectively done his job over railway marshalling yards near Paris, and was returning to England when attacked and crashed by German planes.

K.I.A. 4/5th July, 1944.

O'CONNELL, Terence John Captain: 2/2 Bn.A.I.F.
2/33rd Bn.

Born 1916 Scone.

Educated at Scone Rural School, St.Joseph's Hunter's Hill, and Armidale T.

Enlisted Sept.1939, Sailed overseas January 1940. Promoted Cpl, Sgt.and W.O. in Palestine and Egypt. Transferred to 2/33. Promoted Lieut. and Adjutant in Syria. Capt.1942. Served in 1943 as General Staff Officer, Lines of communication.

1953: Hm. Bungwahl.

O'CONNOR, Michael Collins Staff Sergeant 2/3
Field Regiment A.I.F.

Served from April,1940 to August,1945. After service in Palestine and North Africa Campaign he was wounded in Northam Greece, invalided to Cairo. Rejoined unit and served in New Guinea campaigns until invalided.

1954: Hurstville Secondary.

O'DONNELL, Don Sgt.Wireless Operator.
R.A.A.F.

Born 1922 Glen Innes.

Educated Orange and Newcastle High, Armidale T.C.

Service in four Australian centres from May 1944 to end of War. Gained high passes and was promoted through all steps to Sergeant.

OGDEN, Albert Arthur — Sgt. Psychology Section Army Education.

Born 1902 Kyneton. Vic.

Educated Wagga High, Sydney T.C.

Received Artillery Training, Promoted Bombardier. A bad training accident - 21 weeks in Army Hospital at Bonegilla - caused him to miss embarkation. Drafted as Clerk to Singleton and Ipswich. Transferred to Army Education, promoted Sgt.

1950: Hm. Thornton.

O'HARA, Michael Thomas — Pte. 2/10 F.Ambulance.

Enlisted from Miltiades.

P.O.W. Malaya. Died while P.O.W. on or before 29/5/1945. Cause unknown. On dreadful Sandakan(Borneo) March.

O'DONNELL, Jack Herbert. — Sergeant.

Born 1909 at Singleton.

Educated at Newcastle High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted July,1940. Sailed on "Queen Mary" 2/2/1941 to Singapore. Posted to Malasca to commence a hospital for A.I.F.(No10 A.G.H.) Spent a year there in charge of Medical Records. Captured by Japs on Singapore Island and spent most of his time digging and dragging timber from the jungle, received two bashings, and suffered many ailments. His weight when liberated was 7 stone.

1950: Tennyson, North Richmond.

O'DONNELL, Kevin Francis. B.A. — Papuan Inf.Bn.and Interpreter 8 Bde. A.I.F.

Born 1922 at Newcastle.

Educated at Erina Public, Gosford High, and Armidale Teachers' College. After instructing at Bathurst andDubbo Camps in Infantry Drill he was selected for an Intelligence School. Served in Queensland and Northern Territory, Dec.1942 to Nov.1943.

Overseas service was from July to December 1942, at Port Moresby and Owen Stanley Campaign, also from Dec.1943 to Feb.1945 at Milne Bay, Finschhafen, Madang, Hanna Bay, Sepik River and New Britain.

He was expert in "Pidgin" English and was Interpreter attached to the Papuan Infantry Battalion. He was in the Madang Field Hospital for burns from an explosion.

1950: Paddington.

O'HARA, Austin Dudley W.O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1911 at Pambula.

Educated at Bega District and Gosford High Schools and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted in R.A.A.F. in October,1942 and attended five shcools in Australia, before sailing to Canada with rank of Sergeant, to do the General Reconnaissance Course on Prince Edward Island. Sailed for England as Flight Sergeant Navigator,18/1/1944. Transferred to Bomber Command as Bomb Aimer. Promoted Warrant Officer. On a training flight in Yorkshire he crashed and was unfit for further flying on account of severe injuries.

1950: Duranbah.

O'SULLIVAN, John Gregory. Sgt.Air Observer,R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Castle Mountain.

Attached to R.A.F.England.

Missing in Air operation, Feb.1942. Place unknown.

Recorded K.I.A.

OLIVER, Colin Stewart Flight Lieutenant R.A.A.F.

Born 1914 at Broken Hill.

Educated at Broken Hill High and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted November,1942. Embarked for Canada August 1943 as Pilot Officer. Trained at Edmonton, Summerside and Prince Edward Is. Arrived in England in January 1944 as Flight Officer. Was on active operational service with 5 Group Bomber Command, R.A.F. from Sept.1944 to the end of the War. Promoted F/Lieut. Completed full tour of sorties over Germany and Occupied Europe, also was on several mine-laying flights over the Baltic Sea. He volunteered as a Pathfinder and won the Pathfinder's Badge as Navigator.

1950: Headmaster, Goolgowi.

O'NEILL, Francis Roy P./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1916. Educated at St.Joseph's College and Armidale T.College.

Enlisted from Kookabookra, March 1941. Won his Commission in Canada and was offered a permanent posting there as Instructor, but his main aim was to serve at Battle Stations. Believed drowned between Canada and England.

PAINE, Arthur Douglas — F./O.Navigator,R.A.A.F.

Born 1912 at Auburn.

Educated at Bowral I.High School and Sydney Teachers' College.

Volunteered Sept.1940. Sailed October 1941 to Canada in "Mariposa".

Trained in Air Observers School at Edmonton, and Bombing and Gunnery School at Lethbridge. Promoted Sergeant and given Observers' Wing.

Then completed Air Navigation School and a course in Astre Navigation.

Sailed from Halifax with a big convoy to Belfast; then to England.

In October 1942 was posted to 86 Squadron and trained on Very Long Range Liberators. These Liberators were fitted with two 400 gallon bullet proof overload tanks in the bomb bays to extend the range and carried only eight 250 lb.Depth charges. They attacked "U" boats in mid-Atlantic, where they had begun "Park Tactics" beyond the range of escorting aircraft.

In Feb.1943 he as Navigator in R.A.F.Coastal Command, began a tour of operations covering Convoy Escort and "U" Boat Sweeps and they met with considerable success, making a record number of sightings and attacks.

In June 1943 they attacked a "U" Boat in the path of the "Queen Mary" and warned her to alter course. They now carried a secret weapon called "Oscar" which was a torpedo fitted with a device to guide it to the "U" boat. In October,1943 they disabled a "U" Boat in the Atlantic. It blew up before a destroyer arrived.

He was selected in March 1944 to be an Instructor at Loch Erne in North Ireland, and in August to do a course as Staff Navigator.

From Feb.to Aug.1945 he was Instructor at Bairnsdale and Tocumwal.

1950: Lower Mummell.

PAINE, Robert Edward — Gunner 2/15 Field Regt.

Son of a Teacher. Enlisted from North Sydney High School.

K.I.A.Malaya, 23rd.January,1942.

PAINE, Silas Henry — Sgt.C.Q.M.S.Training Bns. A.I.F.

Born 1908 at Auburn.

Educated Exeter, Bowral, Sydney T.C.

Enlisted October 1940. Gained high passes in Infantry Schools. Promoted Cpl. Sgt. and C.Q.M.S. and appointed Instructor. Retained as Instructor to Spril 1944. Then boarded as "B" class and discharged under Man Power authority.

1953: Hm. Batlow.

PALMER, James Wilson B.A. — Sergeant 14 Field Regiment A.I.F.

Born 1920 at Bathurst.

Educated at Bathurst High and Sydney University and Teachers' College.

Served in Australia from Nov.1941 to June 1942 and then to February 1944 at Port Moresby, Milne Bay, Goodenough Island, and Buna. Promoted from Gunner to Sergeant.

1950: Maitland High School.

PEART, John C. — Sergeant 2/5 Bn. A.I.F.

Enlisted while a student at Armidale Teachers' College, April 1942.

Served in the Aitape-Wewak campaigns. The Battalion advanced inland through the Torricelli Mountains through Maprik to Sepik River. Was in action when the Japs surrendered and was then on garrison duties at Rabaul to March 1946.

He returned to Armidale to complete Teachers' Training.

1951: Aberdare.

PEASLEY, L. B.Sc.Dip.Ed. — Leading Aircraftsman, R.A.A.F.

Enlisted while a student at Sydney Teachers' College in 1942.

Served from August 1942 to May 1946, as Radar Mechanic on Cape York, in the Gulf of Carpentaria, Townsville, and New Guinea. Promoted Leading Aircraftsman.

PAINE, Kevin Charles — Hqrs.Intelligence Section. A.I.F.

Born 1924 Willoughby.

Educated N.Sydney High, Sydney T.C.

Enlisted on turning 21. Selected for Intelligence Section and trained for special work. Arrived at Moresby to do this, but was wharf-labourer. In hospital with tropical ailments. December 1943 he was attached to 8th Bde. in Campayns from Madang to Sepik River. In June 1944 entered Alexishafen Army Hospital with scrub typhus. 1st January 1945 arrived Jacquino Bay, New Britain. In March was in Concord Hospital with Malaria, then on Rehabilitation Duties to June 1946.

1950: Kiah.

PARKER, Jack — W./O.1.-Army Pryetological Service. A.I.F.

Born 1919 Molong.

Educated Molong, Dubbo High, Sydney T.C.

After Service as Sergeant with Militia and at Orange Internment Camp, enlisted in A.I.F. Selected as a foundation menber of Army Aptitude Testing Service, Army Vocational Guidance and as Psycholigical Supervisor in Eastern Command. Promoted Warrant Officer Class 1.

Discharge : Sept.1946.

1950: T.M.C. - Sandy Creek.

PARKES, William Stan

Editor of "Troppo Times". His articles on "Life in the Army in the Tropics were very popular among troops.

PASSLOW, John Clarence — F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1915 Haberfield.

Educated Wyong, Junee, Wagga, Sydney T.C.

After six months' service in Australia, he reached Canada in December, 1941 training at Calgery, Halifax, and at several airfields in United Kingdom. Served in U.K. from March 1942 to April 1945. Promotions: All steps to F./O. Main operations were in Hudson "Bombers" over North Sea and Bay of Biscay.

After 30 Operations he was posted - August 1944, as Flying Instructor on Hudsons, and held this post to the end of the war.

PASSLOW, Percy Harold

Volunteered for Overseas Service but was retained as Instructor.

PAYNE, Francis Joseph — Lieut.2/55thBn.A.I.F.

Enlisted from Leeton.

Missing in action in New Guinea - 19/12/1942.

Official - K.I.A.

PEARCE, William Henry — Lieut.Armoured Div.A.I.F.

Born 1913 Parkes.

Educated Parkes,North Sydney High, Sydney T.C.and University.

Promoted all steps Private to Lieutenant.

1953: Big Creek.

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PEASLEY, Laurence. B.Sc, Dip. Ed.

Leading Aircraftsman, R.A.A.F.

Enlisted 18 years of age, Service August, 1942 to May, 1946. Gained Distinction Pass as Radar Mechanic in July 1943, then served in isolated places ina small unit at Mornington Island, tip of Cape York, Madang, Lae, Orobay and Port Moresby. His work, dealing with Air Warning Installations, was officially "Highly Secret"; it also entailed maintenance of Radar on aircraft.

1953: Broken Hill High.

PECK, Harold Phillip, D.F.C. F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Citation for D.F.C.-

Flight Lieutenant Harold Phillip PECK, D.F.C. - Pilot,

"This officer has completed numerous operations against the enemy in the course of which he has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion for duty".

PEASLEY, Laurence Ernest. B.Sc., Dip.Ed. Leading Aircraftman, R.A.A.F.
(Address)
5 Darley Street, Katoomba. (V. attached slip)

PEEDOM, Charles Manning. † F./Sergeant R.A.A.F.

Born 1919.

Educated at Taree High and Armidale T.College.

Enlisted August 1941 from Reserve Creek.

Trained in Australia, Canada, and England, passing with credit through all stages to F./S.

The Marauder plane of which he was Navigator crashed into the Mediterranean near Spain (Buried near Barcelona) 29/3/1944. Killed in Action.

Residents of Reserve Creek have placed an enlarged photo of him in the school.

PENMAN, John Ernest, B.A. P./O. Bomb-Aimer, R.A.A.F.

Born 1921 at Dunedin N.Z.

Educated at Fort st. and Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Served in Militia from Sept.1939 to Oct.1942, and in R.A.A.F. from Oct.1942 to Nov.1945.

Trained in three Australian Camps and then in Canada at Edmonton, Lethbridge and Montreal.

In England was posted as Bomb-Aimer in 467 Squadron. Took part in several raids, was shot down over Heilbronn 4/12/44, and was the only survivor of his crew, escaping by parachute. Was prisoner of war at Frankfurt-on-Main and in Silesia. Released by Russian advance.,"escaped" from Russians and reached the Americans.

1950: Westmead.

PETERS, Gordon D.F.C. Fl/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1920 at Mortlake.

Educated at Lismore High School and Armidale Teachers' College.

Trained in Asutralia from December,1941 to May 1942. Posted to Canada voyaged via Panama Canal to New York, his ship had an encounter with a submarine in Carribean Sea.

Trained at London, Ontario, as Air Observer. Promoted Pilot-Officer. Crossed to England in "Queen Elizabeth" with 14,000 American and Canadian troops.

After advanced flying and operational training in Scotland he was promoted Flying Officer.

With 460 Squadron Lancaster Bombers, Lincolnshire, he completed 29 operational raids including 6 on Berlin and 2 to Italy. He took part in the Peenemiinde operation when the German radar experimental Station was destroyed. He made 18 raids in the Lancaster "G" for George, which was later presented to Australia. Was awarded D. F.C. on completion of the tour. Returning to Australia he flew on a Liberator being delivered to Australia from Los Angeles to Brisbane. Promoted F./Lieut. He then served as Navigation Officer at Archerfield.

1950: Kempsey.

PETTIFORD, Keith

Enlisted from Wollongong J.T.School.

PHILLIPS, William Roy B.A. B.Ec. Leading Seaman and Schoolmaster - R.A.N.

Born 1920 Lidcombe,

Educated Hurlstone Agr.High, Armidale T.C.

Enlisted at age of 20 from Mt.Rivers School in R.A.N.Service Rushcutters' Bay and Flinders Naval Depot. Overseas in H.M.A.S."Westralia", "Adelaide", and"Australia" from Sept.1941 to January 1943. Promotions: Ordinary Seaman, Able Seaman, Leading Seaman, and Schoolmaster, Instructor of Officers and Ratings in Maths, Magnetism, and Electricity.

1950: Paddington J.T.School.

PHIPPS, Douglas George F./Lieut - R.A.A.F.

Born 1917 Woonona.

Educated Wollongong High, Sydney T.C.

Enclisted April 1941 as Air Crew Trainee. Promoted all steps to P.O. in January,1942. Instructor at Wagga, Uranquinty, and Cootamundra. Promoted F./O. July,1942. After Bombing Leader's Course at Richmond, Hamilton, and Canberra posted to 100 Squadron, Goodenough Island. Made 30 raids in enemy targets from Goodenough, Nadzao, - Tadji and Aitape, Targets included Gasmata, Telasea, New Ireland and Wewak. Promoted F./Lieut in January 1944. Served as Bombing Leader and Photographic Officer with 100 squadron. After nine months intensely active service, he was posted to P.Pine as Bombing Leader in Bombing Training Unit, and was O.C.Bombing Instruction, demobolised at Lowood while preparing for operations against Japan, Sept.1945.

1950: HM.Goolgowi.

PICKUP Larence,

Enlisted from Williamtown.

PIDGEON, Eric George. F./Lt., R.A.A.F.
A.S.T.C(Sc).Dip.Physics.

Born 1906 Goulburn.

Educated Goulburn High, Sydney Tech, Sydney Teachers' College.

(Son of Teacher who served in South Africa,1900, and in France 1916-18, also on Coastal Defence in Second World War).

Service overseas included 18 months in S.W.Pacific mainly from bases at Lae, Finschafen, Madang, and Aitape.

1955: D.Hm., Glen Innes High.

PIKE, Frederick George L.A.C., R.A.A.F.

Born 1918.

Educated at Kurri, Maitland High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Dora Creek May 1941.

Killed in aircraft accident near Calgary,Canada, 22/2/1942.

Principal of Armidale: "One of the happiest of young men, and esteemed by all who knew him."

PIPER, William Douglas W.O.- R.A.N.

Born 1908 at Armidale.

Educated at Llangothlin, Armidale High and Sydney T.C.

Was Captain of Armidale High in 1926.

Enlisted July 1940. In August was on staff of H.M.A.Hospital Ship "Manunda". Wounded in Darwin raid Feb.1942. Served in Middle East, Indian and Pacific Oceans, and off China Coast. Was in Kure,Japan for three months with B.C.O.F.

1953: Headmaster - Balgowlah Heights.

PITCHER, Ernest S.

Enlisted from Ashfield.

Wounded.

PLACING, Walter Alfred Sgt.1st Army, A.I.F.

Born 1916 Bankstown.

Educated Sydney Tech.High and Teachers' College.

On enlistment in July 1942. He was appointed Instructor of Recruits at Cowra. Promoted Cpl. and Lance Sergeant in 1942, and Sergeant at Lae in New Guinea in 1945. Served with 1 Army Educational Services.

1950: North Newtown Dem.

PLUMMER, Thomas Wall, B.A. F./Lt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1915.

Educated Fort St,Sydney University and T.C.

Served in 1943 in N.S.W., 1944 North Queensland, 1945 at Noemfoor, Morotai, and Labuan.

1950: Sydney Tech.High.

PLUMMER, Ian Oscar Cpl.Army Malaria Control Unit, A.I.F.

Born 1919 Broken Hill.

Educated Broken Hill High, Sydney T.C.

In New Guinea March 1943 to February 1946, with short break in hospital in Australia. Service at Moresby, Milne Bay, Aitape and Wewak. He was a volunteer, with three other Teachers', for Malaria Control Unit.

1950: Prestons.

POLLOCK, John — Petty Officer, R.A.Navy.

Born 5/12/1921 at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Educated at North Newtown I.H.and Canterbury High Schools, and Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted in R.A.N. March 1942. Trained as Radio Mechanic. Served on H.M.A.S."Kuttabul" and"Cerberus" and at two Naval and a R.A.A.F.Wireless Station. Promoted from Ordinary Seaman to Leading Radio Mechanic in March 1944 and Petty Officer in March 1945.

1950: Yarrabandai.

PRATT, Richard Walter, B.A. — F./O.R.A.A.F.

Born 30/11/1921 at Sydney.

Educated at North Newtown I.H.and Canterbury High Schools, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Enlisted in R.A.A.F. June 1942. Trained in Ground Duties, Air Crew Wireless and Air Gunnery in Australia. Embarked for England Aug 1943. After further training in Scotland and England, he was attached to 61 Squadron, Heavy Lancaster Bombers. Took part in 28 raids over Germany and Occupied Europe, was shot down over Pollitz in Stettin on 8/2/1945 and was P.O.W. until liberation in 7/5/1945.

1950: Beverly Hills.

PRICE, Arnold Edward. — Gunlayer, 2/5 Artillery, A.I.F.

Born 1912 at Penrith.

Educated at Penrith I.H.and Parramatta High Schools and Sydney Teachers' College.

Entered Camp in July 1940. Served in Middle East with 7th Division in Egypt, Palestine and Syria from July 1941 to March 1942. Served at Port Moresby, Milne Bay and Buna from Oct.to Dec.1942. Was wounded at Buna and in hospital four months. Served again at Milne Bay, Port Moresby, Koratai and Balikpapan in North Borneo Campaign. In New Guinea he was on a barge near Cafe Endiadere when it was heavily bombed and badly damaged.

1950: Deputy Headmaster,Wollongong Secondary Technical School.

PRICE, Raymond — Gunner and Corporal, Anti-Aircraft. Bty. A.I.F.

After training with Bofors guns, he spent three weeks on "Queen Mary" and "Queen Elizabeth" in Sydney, manning A.A.guns. Manned A.A.guns at Port Kembla. Embarked for NewGuinea May 1942, but disembarked at Cairns for further training. At Mareeba Airstrip during Coral Sea Battle. Flew to Millingimbi, which had been bombed the previous day, and spent 9 months there. Then on Air strips near Darwin. Transferred from A.A.Bty.to Infantry, June 1945, to become Corporal Instructor at Canunya Jungle Training Centre.

1950: Burra Creek.

PRITCHARD, Jack I.

PORTER, Geoffrey Francis — Gunner and Radar Operator Heavy A.A.Bty. A.I.F.

Volunteered while at Armidale T.C. in 1939., called up in December 1941. Trained in Heavy Anti-Aircraft gunnery, served in Darwin Area as Radar operator for two years.

1954: Gunnedah.

PORTER, Percival Robert. — Gunner,R.A.A., A.I.F.

Born 1913.

Educated Moama, Echuca High, Sydney T.C.

Served 10 months in Darwin, in several raids. Throughout 1944 and 1945 in New Guinea and New Britain, in all campaigns.

1950: Temora.

PRYCE John Carron B.A. — Lieut. 2/30 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1914 Gosford.

Educated Gosford, Sydney T.C.and University.

Enlisted July 1940. Posted to Intelligence Section of 2/30 Bn. In Singapore from August 1941. Passed with Distinction in Jungle War School. Promoted Lieut. Wounded. P.O.W. Sent by Japs to Sandakon British N.Borneo. Released by 9th Div. on Sept.1945. His weight was 6 stone 3 lbs. In Yaralla Hospital for a year with many ailments. Plastic Surgeons worked on tropical ulcers for a year to save his leg.

1950: Hm. Boorowa.

Lieut.Army Education.A.I.F.

PULSFORD, Sidney Wills B.A. Dip.Ed.

Born 1909 Killara.

Educated Fort St High, Sydney University and T.C.

Service with 1 Survey Coy., and 19 Field Regt. Volunteered for overseas service. Spent 14 months service in New Guinea February 1943 to March 1944 with Army Education at Moresby,Buna, Dobodura and Milne Bay. Promotions in New Guinea were Sergeant and Lieutenant. Visited isolated Army and Navy Units to lecture, organize discussions, show films, distribute books and records.

Was Education Officer at a Queensland Convalescent Depot, Ballarat, and Sydney Technical College.

Was O.C.Army Correspondence Courses.

1950: Gosford High.

PYLE, Ernest Douglas. Dip.Manual Arts. Cpl.Central Bureau Intelligence A.I.F.

Born 1922 Burwood.

Educated Sydney Tech.High and Teachers' College.

Enlisted Dec.1941 from Sydney T.College. Man-powered back to teaching. Called up again in May 1942 to train at Bathurst as N.C.O. Was specialist instructor at Dubbo to January 1943.

Service 8 months in New Guinea Campaygns in 1944 and 10 months in New Guinea and Philippines in 1945.

PYM, Edwin Sydney. Gunlayer 2/1 Field Regt. A.I.F.

Born 1906 Sydney.

Educated Bathurst High,Sydney T.C.

Enlisted 3/6/42. Served in New Guinea Dec.1942 to August 1943. Again in New Guinea January 1945 to end of war. Aug to Dec.- Education Assistant in New Guinea. Severe attacks of Malaria.

1950: Hm. Tarcutta.

PROUDFOOT, Samuel George — F./Lieut and Squadron Leader, R.A.A.F.

Born 1915 at Gunnedah.

Educated at Maitland High and Armidale T.College. Was Captain of former and Students' President at latter. Outstanding in sport and atheltics as a student and soldier.

Enlisted from Grevillia, called up Nov 1940. Passed Elementary and Advanced Flying with Credit and won his Wings June 1941. Sailed on "Queen Mary" to Egypt, journeyed up Nile to Victoria Nyanza by flying boat, completed training on Kenya and was ported to R.A.F. Blenheim Squadron as F./O. Served against Italians in N.Africa, then in Ceylon and Burma. Took part in fifty operational flights and many air battles over Bay of Bengal and Burma. Promoted First Flight Lieutenant and Commander of Squadron 25/4/43.

Transferred to a Fighter Squadron of Hurricanes as Squadron Leader.

Killed in operations against Japs - off Ceylon, 13/9/1943.

(His two brothers and a sister were in the A.I.F.)

QUILKEY, Lee James, B.A. — F/Lieutenant, R.A.A.F.

Born 1904 at Goulburn.

Educated at Newcastle High, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

After training in Australia from September,1941 to November,1943 he served at Port Moresby, Milne Bay, Nadzab, Madang, Yule Island,Goodenough Is., Kiriwina, New Britain and Admiralty Islands.

Promoted through all stages from A.C.2 to Flight Lieutenant.

1950: Headmaster of Waitara.

QUINLIVAN, Maxwell D. — Sgt.Jungle Rescue Detachment A.I.F.

Born 1904.

Enlisted 1940, but rejected on foot deformity. To force his way into A.I.F.he.completed four military schools and became Brigade Instructor in Machine Guns. Went to Darwin with Anti-Tank Regt.A.I.F., became Sergeant Chief Instructor of Anti-Tank and Small Arms School 1942. In 1943 to 1945 was in Jungle Rescue Detachment A.I.F. in New Guinea,Morotai, and Philippines At Nadzab in New Guinea, he was strongly recommended for Commission by Major Gillespie, but his age prevented such. Made several landings from crash

QUINLIVAN, Maxwell D. (Contd.)

boats and planes in Japanese territory, in patrols of 3 or 4 to rescue grounded airmen. In 1945 he was in charge of party of 25 to organize the offensive in the Philippines. Was invalided in a very serious condition back to Australia.

1954: Ghinni Ghinni.

RAFTERY, Brian Augustine. F./Sergeant and R.A.A.F. P./O.

Born 1921.

Trained at Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Upper Crystal Creek, August 1942.

Promoted through all stages with Credit to become a Pilot Officer Instructor.

Killed in crash at Uranquinty, N.S.W. 27/9/1944.

RAISBECK, Charles Phillips. W.O.Artillery, A.I.F.

Born 1902 at Melbourne.

Educated at Essendon High School. Trained with Victorian Education Department from 1918 to 1922. Entered N.S.W.service in June 1926. Enlisted July 1940, sailed for Middle East, December 1940. Served in Palestine, Western Desert, Syria. Promoted Bombardier after heavy action near Sollum in Western Desert, to Sergeant on Suez Canal. He was in numerous minor actions in Libya. Served in New Guinea from June 1942 to April 1944 at Moresby and Milne Bay., was promoted Warrant Officer in 1942 at Milne Bay.

1950: Headmaster of Holbrook.

RACKHAM, John Leonard F./O. R.A. A.F.

Enlisted from Cobar.

Killed in England in aircraft accident , a crash on a practice bombing flight. He had completed 230 hours operational flying as Navigator.

RAE, Frank Skene F./Lieut., R.A.A.F.

Born 1916 at Kurri.

Educated Maitland High, Armidale T.C. Initial training,1942 at Bradfield Park and Temora. In Canada June 1943. Promoted P./O. Nov.1943. Further training at Prince Edward Is. and Bahamas. On operations with Coastal

RAE, Frank Skene (Contd)

Command in India and Special Duty over Burma August 1944 to October 1945.

Promoted F./Lieut.

1953: T.in C. Flowerdale, Wagga.

RAE, John Irving, B.A., Dip.Ed. Capt.New Guinea Administrative Unit and R.A.A.F.

Educated Sydney Unviersity and T.C.

Enlisted in New Guinea. In several campaigns.

Promoted to Captain. Service later with R.A.A.F.

After discharge in 1945 he commenced University of Sydney courses and took B.A.with Honours, and Dip.Ed.

RAMSAY, Joseph Capl.GeneralTransport . A.I.F.

Served in Middle East, with Motor Transport from May 1941 to April 1942.

In New Guinea May 1943 to April 1944. In several air raids and Western Dezert Campaigns. In New Guinea he was attached to Air Operations - loading dispatching and dropping supplies "over the range".

Several tropical ailments.

1950: D.Hm. Tamworth.

RAWARD, Wilbur Reginald Flight Mechanic. R.A.A.F.

Born 1924.

Educated Lismore High,

Served two years with R.A.A.F.

Sydney T.C. - 1946-47.

REES, Frank F.

REEVES, James Alwyn B.Ec. Dip.Ed. P./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1922 Sydney.

Educated Fort St., Sydney University and T.C.

4½ years Service in Australia and New Britain, Promoted Cpl., Sgt., Pilot Officer.

1953:Quirindi.

REID, James Graham B.A. L.A.C., R.A.A.F.

Born 1916. Hurstville.

Educated Sutherland, Canterbury High, Sydney T.C.

Served at several Airfields, then in Dutch New Guinea 14 months, and Darwin six months. Complimented by C.O. for special work in radar.

1954: Hm. Grenfell.

REIDY, Roy Brendon F./Lieut. R.A.A.F.

From January to October, 1943 served with Ordnance at Bathurst and Hume. He topped three schools in Ordnance Accountancy gaining 100%, 96%, and 100%. He lectured in Hume Army School on Accounts Procedure and was in charge of the Stores Co. Orderly Room. In October 1943, at an Officers' Training Course and School of Administration at Melbourne University he graduated Pilot Officer. From January to July 1944 he was at Canberra R.A.A.F. Station as Station Education and Welfare Officer., Transferred to Tocumwal as Station Education Officer and promoted F./O. (Tocumwal was then the biggest Air Force Station in the Southern Hemisphere, with 5000 officers and men, and 500 W.A.A.A.F.) He was responsible for education in many fields. The Station had four excellent libraries in his control. He travelled to lecture at other Stations, using films. Premoted F/Lieut 1/2/1945. On his discharge from Tocumwal in April 1946 he received a highly commendatory letter from the Minister for Air.

REDMOND, John Henry Joseph B.A. Flight-Leiutenant, R.A.A.F.

Born 1917 At St Peters.

Educated at Summer Hill I.H. and Fort St. High Schools, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Joined R.A.A.F., after a long waiting period in October 1942. Sailed for Canada in March 1943. Trained at Lethbridge and Edmonton, promoted Pilot Officer with mustering as Air Bomber. Served in Wales, Dorset and Sussex with Squadrons 298 and 644. Squadron duties, using Halifax planes, were mainly (1) supplying underground organizations of Europe with arms, munitions, food etc. (2) dropping special troops by parachute into enemy territory for sabotage work, (iii) dropping paratroops, and (iv) towing gliders at the Normandy Landing, the Rhine Crossing, and at Arnhem. The Hamilear Gilder carried a Tetrack Tank and crew. Was promoted Flying Officer and Flight-Lieutenant. He was also 644 Squadron Air-Sea Rescue Officer.

Adjustment 1950: School Counsellor, Division of Research, Guidance

REGAN, Keith — Flying Officer, R.A.A.F.

Born 1924 at Narrabri.

Educated at Narrabri.

He enlisted from Sydney Teachers' College in Oct.,1942.

After training and serving in Australia to October 1943, he sailed to San Fransisco, crossed to New York, and sailed on "Queen Elizabeth" to Scotland 1/1/1944. Had further training in Britain in Commando Dropping, Wireless, Contact with "Underground", and Bombing.

He completed a tour of 30 raids and was promoted F./O. He was wounded by shrapnel. Most important raids in which he took part were Cologne (2) Munich, Krefield (2), Wesel (2), Gelsenkirken (2) Essen,Frankfort, Hamburg (2), Duisberg, Berlin, Chemnitz,Bechesgarten, Madgeburg, Brandenburg, and Stetlin. In these raids he flew with an English crew.

1950: Evans Head.

RENEKER, Thomas Laurence — Sergeant, R.A.A.F.

He enlisted immediately he completed his course at Sydney Teachers'College, at age 18. He was trained as Wireless Operator, promoted from A.C.2 to Sergeant, and served at Darwin and in South West Pacific for 22 months.

1950: Bankstown North.

REYNOLDS, Edward. — Staff-Sergeant,Infantry, A.I.F.

Born 1914. at Gilgandra.

Educated at St.Stanislaus' College,Bathurst and Armidale Teachers'College.

Enlisted July,1941. Promoted Corporal,Sergeant, and Staff Sergeant.

Was Instructor in Infantry at five camps, was found to be medically unfit in Feb.1943.

1950: Upper Manilla.

RHODES, Arthur Norman B.A. — Air Crew R.A.A.F. and Lieut. A.I.F.

Born 1913 Kogarah.

Educated Sydney High, T.C., University.

After a year in the R.A.A.F. he transferred to theA.I.F. Served a year in Westralia and a year at Jaquimot Bay and Rabaul. Promotions Pte. to Lieut. on ~~1951~~. 4 Aust. Inf.Bde.Hqrs.

1954: Orange High, English Master.

RICE, Frank 2/13 Bn. A.I.F.

Stores Branch.

In two World Wars. (V.Kaiser's War)

RICHARDSON, Gordon Dalyell,B.A. Lieut. 2/18 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1917. Raymond Terrace.

Educated Maitland High., Sydney University.

Enlisted from Public Library. Had served with N.S.W. Scottish Regt. as Lieut. In A.I.F. from July 1940 to Nov.1945. Promoted Lieut.July 1940. Landed in Singapore 2/2/1941. Taken P.O.W. in Sumatra 17/3/42. Wounded on torpedoed transport in June 1944.

1950: Asst.Librarian and First Officer in Reading Room, Public Library.

RIDING , Arthur William

Was a Catalina Pilot in 42 Squadron in 1945. When he operated from Leyte Gulf in Philippines against shipping and ports on coasts of China and Formosa. A squadron Leader writes:

"We were very happy to renew acquaintance in Leyte Gulf with such a great Scout as Arthur Ridings."

RIDDLE, Mervyn Desmond Sapper,21 Field Coy. R.A.E.

Born 1921 Inverell.

Educated Inverell, Armidale T.C.

Trained with Heavy A.A. in N.S.W.and Qld.,

Served on Morotai and in North Borneo, then in Rabaul.

Promotions - Gunner - Sapper, Commended by his C.O. on excellent job in constructing oil tanks and pipe lines at several places for planes and Motor transport.

1950: Neutral Bay.

RIDGWAY, Thomas Henry. F./Lt.. R.A.A.F.

Born 1918 Portland (N.S.W.)

Educated Newcastle H., Sydney T.C.

Enlisted A.C11 in August 1941. Qualified as Observer Navigator Bomb-aimer, Gunner, and Astro-navigator.. Promoted all steps to P./O. Sailed to England June 1942.In Oct.1942 promoted F./O. In two serious crashes, his injuries were not serious. Served in Bombers from North Ireland and Scotland.

RILEY, James Jackson. B.Sc.(Manchester).

Lieut. R.A.N.

Entered N.S.W. Teaching Service 1930.

Was Education Officer in R.A.A.F. 1941-43. From 1943-46 was Instructor-Lieut., R.A.N.

Served in H.M.A.S. "Shropshire".

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RIDGWAY, Thomas Henry (Contd)

Completed Night Torpedo Course. Did radar course for long flights, on anti-submarine patrol over B.of Biscay. May,1943 Flew to Egypt,making two forced landsings on route. Operated from Egypt, Palestine,Cyprus against submarines, and laying bombs and mines. Operations by night over Algean Sea, Crete, and Greece. In Feb.1944 was posted Bombing Leader and promoted F.Ltd. Married in Sydney 4/1/45, retained as Radar Bombing Instructor at Maryborough, Ballarat, and Tocumwal to end of August,1945.

RIMES, George Rutherford P./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1915 at Carlton.

Educated Carlton, Cleveland St., Sydney High and Teachers' College. Gained high passes as Observer, Bomber, Gunner and Astro Navigation, and was promoted Sgt. in May 1943. In October was promoted F./Sgt. In a crash while engaged in low level torpedo training. Appointed Navigation Instructor at Evans Head. Sent to New Guinea for training in secret equipment in long range navigation. In Wewak Campaign, bombing Japs, then ferried planes to Biak and Noemfoor. Promoted W./O. Oct.1944. Then operated from Darwin and W.A.bombing Java and Celebes. Received Special Commendation for locating torpedoed survivors 1200 miles from land. Promoted P./O. Was Loran Officer of 25 Squadron.

1950: D.Hm. Murwillumbah.

RING, Edward James. W.O., R.A.A.F.and Navigator, W.O.

From Air Crew in April 1941, promoted Observer Air Gunner. After training in Canada he was posted to Ferry Service flying planes from America to Australia. Took part in 15 attacks on Jap bases; also in many convoy and patrol jobs. Highly commended on these jobs, appointed Lecturer at Rathmines, again in Ferry Command flying Catalinas from America to Australia.

Had 1200 hours flying. Again congratulated and listed for Commission when War ended.

RINGLAND, Alexander Hamilton B.A. Bombardier, 2/4 L.A.A.Rgt. A.I.F.

Born 1913 Port Macquarie.

Educated Port Macquarie, Sydney T.C.

In A.I.F. from March, 1941 to Nov.45. In campaigns in Middle East including El Alamein and Lae and Finschafen. Service July 1941 to Nov.1945. Injured knee in action in New Guinea.

1953: Abor.School Woodenbong.

RITCHIE, Alexander Maclean, M.A.

(Brother of John, K.I.A. )

RITCHIE, John Maclean Lt. 2/19 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1915 - Son of Headmaster.

Educated Kempsey and Dubbo High, Armidale T.C.

"A devoted young officer. Highly efficient, A very gallant chap."

C.O. Anderson V.C.

K.I.A. Malaya. 9/2/1942.

ROADKNIGHT, Neville Harold L.A.C. , R.A.A.F.

Served from Feb.1943 to Mardh 1946, including periods in Northern Territory. He was a highly competent Telegraphist and Radar Operator.

ROACH, John F./Lt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1906 Hamilton.

Educated Hamilton, Sydney T.C.

Enlisted from Toronto in Feb.1941. Promoted L.A.C. in June, Cpl. in Sept. and Sgt. in May 1942. Graduated P./O. January 1943 for outstanding work and distinction passes in Explosives and Ammunition was appointed Equipment and Explosives Officer at Nowra, then Darwin. Promoted F./O. July 1943. Posted to New Guinea as Staff Officer Explosives. Service at Nadzab, Madang, Milne Bay, Aitape and Wewak. Promoted F./Lt. Was C.O.Central Reserve Unit film.Feb.to December 1945.

1950: Hm.Newcastle East.

ROACHE, James G.A. Lieut.2/14 Field Artillery

Sydney T.C.

Enlisted from Newtown J.T.School.

Died of wounds at Kalai.

Plantation, New Britain, March,1945.

ROBB, Rowland Lindsay W./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1912 Taree.

Educated Newington College, Armidale T.C.

Enlisted 1940. After gaining Distinction passes at Richmond and Canberra courses, he was retained in Melbourne for three years and then at Richmond in 1945 as Instructor.

~~Resigned~~. 1950: M.T. at Bankstown.

ROBB, Wm. M.

Resigned.

ROBERTS, John H.

ROBERTS, Sidney,

Resigned.

ROBERTS, Thomas B.

ROBERTSON, Daniel B.E. M.C.

Resigned.

ROGERS, Elijah Henry Sgt.32 Aust.Docks Op.Coy. A.I.F.

Born 1923 Weston.

Educated Weston, Cessnock High, Sydney T.C.(1941-42 and 1946)

Enlisted from Teachers' College,July 1942.

Service at Buna, Port Moresby, Darwin.

Promotions. Cpl., Sgt.

1953: Weston.

ROBERTS, Hector W. Lieut.R.A.N.Reserve.

Written by, W.R.Phillips who was "Schoolmaster" R.A.N.

It is an honour and a privilege to be able to pay a tribute to such a cheerful and friendly comrade-in-arms as Hector Roberts, who made the supreme sacrifice so soon after the bells of victory had been rung.

At Armidale Teachers' College his record was outstanding. Although only sixteen years of age when he entered College after being a Prefect at Ballina High School, he was always among the leaders on the academic side. Excelling in sport, he represented College in the 1938 Hockey and again in 1939 when he was captain of the Hockey team, besides representing in Athletics, in which he had the distinction of being the best 440 runner of the year. Socially Hec. was deservedly popular, as can be seen by his Captaincy of Hinton House.

The details of his War Service are varied and meritorious. He left Australia in August 1941 to train for a Commission in Britain under the Yachtsmen Scheme. He served on the "Bulldog" as an Ordinary Seaman. After returning from a voyage to Murmansk he went ashore to study for his Commission. In this course he did very well and was promoted to Sub-Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.on 4th September 1942. He was then appointed to the sloop "Cygnet" where on his Captain's recommendation he received accelerated promotion to Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R. February,1944. On the "Cygnet" he had, inter alia, another voyage to Murmansk, called in at Algiers and took part in the Sicily campaign.

At the end of 1944 he returned to Australia and, after a few months in Brisbane and a revision course in Sydney, in which course he came first, was appointed to the destroyer "Nepal", May 1945. His mastery of Seamanship, Navigation, Radar and Anti-Submarine measures during his Naval service resulted in his performance of progressively more responsible work.

On 7th October 1945 he was transferred to the U.S.Hospital Ship in Yokohama, then to the U.S.General Hospital in Tokyo.
He passed away on the 19th November,1945 and was buried in Yokohama Military and Naval Cemetery.

ROBINSON, Alfred John — Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1921 Scone.

Educated Scone, Maitland High, Armidale T.C.

After a Distinction Pass in Radio Engineering in Melbourne he was posted Instructor and Investigator in various units and then conducted a School for Radio Telephone, in Sydney. He was in charge for twenty courses, then posted to R.A.A.F. Hqrs., in Melbourne, on the Directorate of Telecommunications. He specialised in American equipment, its care, repairs, replacements, and distribution. Much of this equipment and of his work was highly secret. He made journeys to every base to inspect and advise on radio, radar, and navigation aids.

Promotions: ACl, L.A.C., Cpl., Sgt.

1950: Scone.

ROCHE, Neville Matthew — Lieut.8 Cav.Regt.A.I.F.

Born 1917 Forbes.

Educated Forbes, Armidale T.C.

Service July 1941 to January 1946. Served in Middle East, Darwin, Daly River, Wewak, and Nadzab. Was Company Commander at Nadzab.

Promotions: All steps to Company Commander.

1950: Hurstville Secondary Tech.

RODGERS, Cecil Arthur B.Ec — Cpl.Hqrs.8th Div.A.I.F.

Enlisted from Cessnock High School.

P.O.W.Malaya from 16th Feb.1942. Released from Changi 5/9/1945.

Died in Repatriation Hospital, Concord on 9/6/1951.

ROSE, Cecil Douglas Allan — 2/30 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1917 Cowra.

Educated Cowra, Sydney Teachers' College.

Discharged after eleven months in camp as "medically unfit".

ROSE Stanley Rosser B.A. — Pte.Anti-Malaria Control Unit. A.I.F.

Educated Cessnock, Armidale T.C. Sydney University.

His Unit of the 10 A.I.F. and 70 natives selected camp sites, sprayed and decontaminated them, drained and sprayed 100 sq.miles of North New Guinea. Watched water supplies, killed mosquitoes. Received letter of appreciation from C.O. Anti-Malaria Units on his discharge. 2 years service.

ROSEWARN. Allan — Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1912 Goulburn.

Educated Goulburn, Leeton, Sydney T.C.

Gained four top and four other high passes in R.A.A.F. courses in 1941 and 1942. Promoted Sgt. Group 1. Served 20 months in New Guinea, Goodenough Is. Dobodura, Finschafen, and Kirriwina.

1950: Hm. Gulargambone.

ROSSER, Thomas H. — Corporal. A.I.F.

Born 1915 South Wales.

Educated Kurri, Maitland, Armidale T.C.

In various camps and on Coastal Defence in Australia from Dec.1940 to July 1945.

1950: Bega.

ROWE, Clarence Silver — Sgt.2/2 M.G.Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1916 Taree.

Educated Taree Convents - Pry. and Secondary., Taree High, Armidale T.C.

Enlisted June,1940, after a year in Light Horse Regt. Promoted L.Cpl. Sailed 27/12/40 on "Aquitania". In Middle East promoted Sergeant. In action at Mersa Matruh as a bomber. Instructor in M.G.Training Bn. In Syria. In Western Desert Campayns, including El Alamein July to Dec. 1942. In New Guinea campaigns at Lae, Finschafen, and Fortification Point. Returned to Australia, March 1944.

Married W.R.A.A.F. (Miss A.C.Duncan) Instructor at Bathurst Camp and Lecturer for Army Education. In October returned to Unit in Atherton Tableland, thence to Morotai and two landings in Borneo - Labuan and Brunei. Appointed Patrol Sergeant Leader with natives to hunt Japs. Returned to Australia in October,1945.

"One of the best N.C.O's in the A.I.F." (His C.O.)

1953; Sawtell.

ROWE, John Clyde — Lieut. 2/20 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1912 Murrurundi.

Educated Hamilton, Newcastle H, Sydney T.C.

Enlisted from Willina 4/7/1940. Promoted Cpl.July 1940, Sgt.October, Lieut.Feb.1941. Sailed in "Queen Mary" 4/2/41. Landed Singapore 18/2/41. In action at Mersing, Jemalvang, and retreat to Singapore. Severely wounded 15/2/42. Mentioned in Dispatches forgallant leadership. P.O.W.Changi Camp 3½ years. Asked by his C.O. to keep records of men of 20th Bn. and of Jap working parties. He did this secret job splendidly.

1950: Hm. Tocumwal.

ROWE, Norman Ross — F./Lt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1916 Tamworth.

Educated Hamilton,Newcastle Central and High, Sydney Tech.High and Sydney T.C.

Promoted all steps from AC11 to F/Ltd. From Aug.1942 to Aug.1943 he was Wireless Mechanic on Hornk in Torres St. During Officers' Course in Aug.1943 to January 1944 he was promoted P./O. Throughout 1944 and to June 1945. Served at Darwin and Kimberley bases. Promoted F./O. and F./Lt. Most of his service was in isolated tropical outposts.

1950: Hm. Lake Wyangan.

ROWLEY, Charles D. M.A.

(Resigned)

ROXBY, Albert (Clive) — F./Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Educated Newcastle High, Sydney T.C.1939-40.

Posted to England as Navigator.

K.I.A. over Germany.

RUBIE, Cecil Edward Henning M.A. — Sg.t 23rd.Bde.Infantry.

Born 1909 Coogee.

Educated Sydney High and Teachers' College.

Service in Darwin - 1942 to 1944.

RUMBLE, Noel Raymond — Capt. 2/3 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1918 Granville.

Educated Granville, Carlingofrd, Sydney Tech.High, Sydney T.C.

Service Oct.1941 to Dec.1945. Two periods of nine months each in New Guinea operations. Promotions: All steps Cpl. to Captain. Conspicuous work on Owen Stanley Range and Kokoda Trail. "Evinced considerable initiative in attack and defence " Promoted Captain during Aitape-Wewak-Sepik River Campaigns.

1950: Lismore High.

RUSSELL, Charles Herbert. B.Comm. — Sgt.2/6 Armoured Regt. A.I.F.

Born 1911.

Educated Canterbury High, Sydney T.College,

Service from Feb.1941 to Nov.1945, included seven months in New Guinea. With Armoured Div.in Westralia.

1953: Hm. Walgett.

RUSSELL, Frank Edward — Leading Aircraftsman R.A.A.F.

Born 1921 at Mulbring.

Educated Maitland High, Armidale T.C.

Enlisted as Radar Operator.

Service in Darwin area, Morotai, and North Borneo.

1950: Forster.

RUSSO, Anthony Felix B.A. — Sgt.Artillery Survey Unit. A.I.F.

Born 1913 Randwick.

Educated Sydney High, University and T.C.

Enlisted April 1942.

Survey work in C.York Peninsula and Townsville area. In New Guinea campaigns ten months. Transferred to Army Education. Went to England and returned with 1100 ex.P.O.W. and gave educational courses(Junel945) Then flew to Singapore, returned to Australia with 500 ex P.O.W. Highly recommended by C.O.Survey Unit at Milne Bay. Discharge Feb.1946.

1950: Tumut.

RYAN, Frederick Joseph — Sgt.Pilot, R.A.A.F.

Enlisted as student Armidale Teachers' College.

Service in England, gained rapid promotion. Pilot of Kittyhawk shot down in combat with enemy aircraft in Western Desert, Libya - June,1942. K.I.A.

RYAN, Leslie William Walter — S/Sgt. A.I.F.

Born 1901

Trained at Hereford House, 1921

Enlisted from Erskineville.

In Middle East with 2/10 Ordnance Stores Coy.

1950- Master of Maroubra Boys' School.
1953 - President of Soldier - Teachers' R.S.League.

ROUTLEDGE, Robert Stanley. — Ordnance and Commando.

Born 23.8.1913. Mosman.

Educated Bondi and Sydney High.

Enlisted from Accounts Branch, July 1941. Sailed for Middle East 1/11/41. Served with Ordnance in Palestine and Egypt. After return to Asutralia transferred to Commandos at Wilson's Prementory and Springbrook (2). Set out to relieve Commandos in Timor, but delayed 17 days by floods in N.Australia. In July, 1944 moved to New Guinea, in October to Bougainville. On heavy patrol work and in severe fighting continuously until end of War.

No absence from duty during whole period of service.

"Keen, conscientious, and most reliable" (Unit Records)

1950: Section leader, Accounts Branch.

SAINT-SMITH, James Alexander, — D.F.C., D.F.M. F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1917. Son of Headmaster.

Educated at Cessnock and Maitland High and Armidale T.College.

Joined R.A.A.F. 6/1/1941. Within two months was selected to fly Bombers, sailed to Canada, May 1941. Won his Wings at Calary 1/9/41, landed in England 1/10/41. Immediately took part in the "Thousand Bombers" raids all over Germany, piloting Wellington, Halifaxes and Lancasters, had many thrilling experiences, on one occasion his engines cut-out over Dusseldorf

SAINT-SMITH. James Alexander (Contd)

he ordered crew to bale out, but got engines right again, and continued bombing. On another occasion he struggled back to England with his aerial trailing in the ocean.

As F/Sgt. he took a War Correspondent over Berlin. Keith Hooper cabled:- "The Bomber was piloted by F.S.Saing-Smith, during the 17¾ hour flight I was at the side of the Pilot and had a grandstand view. We left large areas of Berlin in shattered and flaming ruins.

I tried to count the gigantic explosions but gave it up as a bad job after the first 50 or so. We had flak holes in our wings and tail. Soon we were bracketed by shells, bursting with poisonous red flashes, while another startling variety burst flashless, the only indication of their presence being long rows of black smoke puff, like a balloon barrage. So much was I fooled that I yelled "We're in the middle of their Balloons!" Back came Saint-Smith's quiet voice: "Take it easy, its only flak!" - - - - - - - -

Several gigantic cracks just below our turning wing caused me to recoil, arm upflung in an instinctive protective gesture.

"Scared?" asked Saint-Smith

"They were close" I Muttered.

"Don't worry, old man. Remember the blokes below are twice as scared as you."

Thereafter I found much reassurance from his simple philosophy, as further bursts rocked us(3) and flying, jagged steel hit into us. Our bombs away,the Pilot swung into a diving turn, with all four Rolls-Royce engines roaring we plummeted down at over 300 m.p.h., levelled off and streated for England. We had yet to pass through the outer rings of Berlin's defences, so the Pilot weaved his giant bomber incessantly. With the persistent flak following us all the way to the coast and even from flak ships we came home?

After several more raids over Germany he was awarded the D.F.M. for another over Berlin. The citation reads:-

"F./S.Saint-Smith has displayed outstanding determination in pressing home his attacks on enemy targets during numerous operational sorties. Early in March,1943, he participated in a raid on Berlin and obtained an excellent photo after thebombs had been released. He has at all times taken great

SANT, Eric Herbert — Sergeant Signals and Wireless. A.I.F.

Born 1912 Taree.

Educated Wingham, Taree High, Armidale T.C.

Service Nov.1940 to July 1945. Was morse and chief Signals Instructor at Somers for a year. Promoted and retained in Australia.

SAVAGE, Clement David — Sgt.7 Div.Signals. A.I.F.

Born 1913 at Rugby, Eng.

Educated Rugby, Sydney T.C.

As L.Cpl. 2/3 Bn. went to New Guinea,Dec.1942. In June 1943 was trained as Signaller, appointed Radio operator, 25 Bde.Hqrs. In New Guinea campaigns at Dumpu, Ramu Valley, and Lae. Transferred to 7 Div.Sigs., became 7 Div.orderly Room Clerk, then Instructor in Army School.

1950: Blaxcell St. D.Hm.

SAVAGE, Ernest Charles — Staff Captain, Royal Artillery.

Born 1913 Folkstone (Eng.)

Educated Folkstone, London, Teachers' Training College, Worcestershire.

Called to Colours Aug.1939 after four years in Territorial Army.

Promoted Sergeant in charge Searchlight Detachment, Dover.

Lieut. June 1941, Instructor in Military Law and Basic Subjects at an Officers' Training School. In January 1942 at 1st.Anti-Aircraft Training Camp near Karachi. Promoted Captain and Instructor in Gunnery near Karachi., in Burma. On medical grounds was appointed March 1945 as Station Staff Captain, in N.E.India. Repatriated to United Kingdom in Sept.1945 and discharged December,1945.

1953: Broken Hill.

SCHOFIELD, Cecil Thomas — A .I.F.

Born 1901 - Haberfield.

Educated North Sydney High.

After Infantry Training at Wagga in 1942 he was retained as Instructor to 1944. Served at Tarakan Landing and Borneo.

1950: Hm. Cudgera.

SCOBIE, Eric Howard Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1913 Dapto.

Educated Correspondence School, Hurlstone Agr.High, Sydney T.C.

Trained March 1941 to March 1943 in eight airfields.

Passed well in all subjects, including Radar. Promoted all steps to Sgt. Posted to Air Ambulance Unit.

In New Guinea and New Britain Campaigns March 1943 to Oct.1944, and again March to Aug. 1945.

Treated sick and injured natives in 20 villages, in addition to Army duties. Was the only Med.Orderly for 19 months at Cape Ward Hunt, the nearest doctor being two days' journey away.

1950: Gundagai.

SHANNON-HOOPER, Wesley Conrad James

Born Killarney, Ireland 1913.

Came to Australia in 1915.

Educated at Christian Bros.College at St.Kilda.

Commenced work as a Painter with the Department of Education Painting and Repairs Staff on 19/2/36.

Joined Army as Private in 5th Australian Training Company in April,1942 was stationed at Dubbo until Medically discharged due to ear trouble on 23/1/43.

Resumed duty with Department as Painter on 2/2/43.

SHAW "RAJAH" Sgt.Wireless Operator

Sgt.Wireless Operator and Air Gunner in Beauforts.

SELLORS, Trevlyn Pembroke. Psc. B.A. Lieut.- Colonel.

Passed Staff College,

Born 1910 Ballina.

Educated Sydney High and University.

1938 Lieut. in Militia, 13th Bn. Maitland.

1939 Brigade I.O. Newcastle.

1940 Promoted Captain and Div.Intelligence Officer,Hqrs.7 Div.A.I.F. October: Embarked for Middle East.Selected to take convoy of vehicles to Hqrs.6 Aust.Div.at Fort Capuzzo for attack in Bardia. Attacked by planes, 4 vehicles destroyed, he was thus the first soldier of 7 Aust.Div.in action.

1941.Appointed Special Staff Officer to General Laverack, Dealt specially with Arab intelligence matters. Attended for four months Staff College at Haifa appointed G.S.O. to Hqrs. 6 Aust.Div., then a Member of the Directing Staff. Promoted Major, Appointed G.S.O. Supreme Hqrs.of S.W.Pacific Area under General Wavell in Java.

1942 En route to Java, all planes cancelled at Calcutts, joined returning A.I.F. at Colombo. Appointed Member of Directing Staff, at Staff College, Duntroon, awarded P.S.C.

1943 Was G.S.O.,Hqrs. New Guinea Forces, attached to Brig.Monaghan for capture of Salamaua and later advances. Then attached to Hqrs.7 Aust. Div.in Nadzab-Ramu Valley campaign as C. - in-C's Special Liaison Officer. Promoted Lt-Colonel, appointed Commandant,School of Military Intelligence at Southport.

1944 Appointed G.S.O.I. Hqrs.1st Aust.Army, then G.S.O.I. Aust.Staff, London,. Attached to War Office. Appointed G.S.O.I.at Field-Marshall Montgomery's Hqrs.in N.W.Europe.

1945 Appointed G.S.O.I., Foreign Office Secretariat Berlin.

1946 Appointed G.S.O.I.,Australian Military Mission, Berlin.

1948 At the request of Minister for Immigration, Canberra, he was seconded to Dept.of Immigration to establish scheme for selection of Immigrants and was responsible for the Security aspects of the scheme.

1949 Returned to Australia and request discharge (July)

1951 Modern language Dept. Sydney High School.

Note by Author:

Lt.-Col.SELLORS must have been, to those with big responsibilities, a highly-valued man. He certainly worthily represented our Teaching Service in many jobs and places.

SHARPE, Jack Percival, B.Sc. Sgt.2/5 Field Regt.A.I.F.

Born 1902 Lismore.

Educated Orange H. Sydney University and T.C.

After Artillery training, he served in New Guinea.

Invalided from Milne Bay.

1950: Science Master, Wollongong High.

SHARPE, Robin Dudley. Cpl. A.A.S.C.

Enlisted at Wagga in July 1940.

Served nearly three years - 1941-43 at Darwin 1944 with North Queensland First Beach Group Supply Platoon., 1945 at Labuan and Kuching in Borneo.

1954: Windang.

SHAW, Milton Nova. Sgt.10/48 Bn.

Born 1915 Grenfell.

Educated Grenfell, Sydney T.C.

Served from July 1944 to Feb.1945 at Darwin.

Retained as Instructor.

1950: Morven.

SHERRING, Cecil S.H. Cpl. 9 Field Coy. R.A.E.

Born 1916 at Leichhardt.

Educated Kegworth.

Served in New Guinea 3½ years, One job was painting Lae Hospital.

Rejoined Painting Staff of Department.

SHEUMACK, Richard Alan. F./Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1910 Curlewis.

Educated Parramatta I.H.and Fort St. Sydney T.C.

Service : May,1941 to 2nd May 1946. Promotions L.A.C., Cpl,Sgt., F./Sgt.

Operational Service included 9 months at Darwin,8 months in New Guinea, and six in Morotai.

1950: Hm. Alstonville.

SHERIDAN, Albert Henry — Captain, 36 Bn. A.I.F.

Died of Scrub Typhus in New Guinea - 22nd July, 1944.

+ SHERIDAN, John Edward — Sgt.(Observer) R.A.A.F.

Born 1916 Coraki.

Educated Coraki, Lismore and N.Sydney H.S., Armidale T.C.

He was a qualified Surf Instructor with Bronze and Silver Medalleons.

Enlisted from Afterlee, Casino, Oct 1940. As Sgt.Observer sailed to Canada. Arrived England Dec.1941. On one raid his plane was badly shot over Cologne but staggered back to England on one of four engines. K.I.A. in crash in England after successful bombing in Germany. His C.O. wrote to his widow. "His funeral took place at Norwich on 4th June, 1942, with Military Honours. Since joining this unit 9th Dec.1941 he has proved himself a most reliable and conscientious Navigator and always carried out his duties cheerfully. He made many friends and was well liked".

SHIELDS, Lawrence W. — Cpl. R.A.A.F.

Born 1914 Coffs Harbour.

Educated Coffs Harbour, Sydney T.C.

With 77 Fighter Squadron at Milne Bay, D'Entrecastreaux and Trobriand Archipelagos. In Feb.1944 he sailed in convoy with Americans for invasion of Admiralty Islands, camped on Los Negros., then transferred Noomfooa. In Dec.1945 posted to Madang, then to Nadzah, Finschafen, Lae, Aitape, Hollandia, and Admiralty Is.again. Disc. Dec.1946.

1950: Murringo.

+ SATTLER, Geoffrey — F./Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1911 (Son of Teacher)

Educated at Newcastle Central Tech, Maitland High and Armidale T.College.

Resigned from teaching and was a Vacuum Oil Co.representative before enlisting, he bacame a well known civil pilot, inaugurated the Bathurst Aero Club, was seriously injured in an aircrash in Sydney Harbour Enlisted immediately on outbreak of war, was highly commended as instructor at Point Cook, and posted to Darwin as F./Lieut, and to East Indies, in the most advanced post against the Japs., he led several bombing raids over Celebas and near Java. On 12/1/1942 his Hudson was attacked by over a score of Jap Zeros over Celebes, he brought down five Zeros and was

SATTLER, Geoffrey (Contd)

last seen at about 12,000 feet up. No further news came.

The Sattler Air Strip, Darwin, is named after him.

From Unit Records.

Posted to Ambon - "of most bitter and unhappy memory" - on extremely dangerous reconnaissance work. In January 1942 his flight brilliantly bombed Kema and Menado(Celebes). On his next flight his six Hudsons were attacked by crows of Jap Zerox., two crashed in flames, two were "missing", two returned. Geoff. sent a message twenty minutes before he was due back, but he did not return.

"A most likeable, conscientious and efficient skipper, his crew had complete confidence in him. He possessed leadership qualities of a high order" (Unit Record)

SMITH, Benjamin F./O.Navigator. R.A.A.F.

Born 1914.

Educated at Newcastle High and Armidale T.College.

Enlisted from Porter's Retreat, January,1942.

Sailed to Canada,Feb.1943m won Wings as Navigator in July. Completed training in Scotland and England. Took part in nearly thirty raids over enemy territory, including the Big Raid on Duisburg. Had almost completed his tour - 30 op.flights - when his Lancaster was shot down over Cologne, 24/12/44. The last message received from him was "Target in sight."

"In camps and on ships Ben was a wonderful entertainer and humourist."

K.I.A.

SHORT, Joseph H. Bomb-Aimer- R.A.A.F.

Enlisted from Darlinghurst in Air Crew.

Served from England in Bomber Squadron. He was K.I.A. on his 12th raid over Germany. "Everyone who knew him admired himfor his integrity and delightful courtesy. He was one of the finest men in our Teaching Service and R.A.A.F." ---- A fellow officer.

SHORTALL, James E. Sgt.A.I.F.and B.C.O.F.in Japan.

Born 1913.

Educated at De La Salle and High School,Orange,Armidale High andT.C. War President of A.T.C. students in 1938/

On enlistment, he went to Sydney and Melbourne to learn Japanese.

Died with Occupation Force in Japan.

(Written by J.Challenor)

The finest character I ever met during army life was a fellow teacher, James E.Shortall."Shorty" was well known to many who passed through Bathrst. A talented fellow and a great sport,cricket football(a champ. as a full back). The greatest humourist in the camp, a natural wit, but a wit quite without malice. He always laughed with people, never at them, and so became a very popular fellow with all ranks.

Went as a reinforcement to an A.I.F.Battalion in Queensland and was then accepted for a special course in Japanese. Returned to a course at Sydney University. A high standard was set and any who fell behind were at once returned to their units. "Shorty" did well. At the end of the war was in Melbourne, receiving the finishing touches.

Jim was in Japan for some months and then we received word. SHORTALL, J.E. DIED OF WOUNDS ACCIDENTALLY RECEIVED. (gun shot wounds). And so passed a remarkable personality; the irony of it. In the army from April,1942 and never near the firing line and to be killed long after peace was declared.

SIMMS, Norman Bombardier 2/1 Field Regt. A.I.F.

Born 1908. New Zealand.

Educated N.Z. and Sydney T.C.

Served 13 months in New Guinea, to end of 1943. Again in N.G. with 6 Div. throughout 1945 in Aitape-Wewak Campaigns. Promoted from Gunner to Bombadier at Wewak; twice strongly recommended for allantry and initiative over long periods. Did outstanding work in maintained signals and repairing lines under fire. After end of war he was Army Education N.C.O. for three months in New Guinea.

1950: D.Hm.Demonstration School, Wagga.

SIMS, Hussey C. Vivian — Cpl. Army Education, A.I.F.

Born 1910 Wellington (N.Z.)

Educated New Zealand, Sydney and Hay High, Sydney T.C.

Enlisted in A.I.F. Dec.1941.

Drafted to Army Edn. as Cpl. Returned in Australia on Medical grounds.

1950: Hm. Ross Hill.

SIMPSON, Francis Leslie S. — W./O. Intelligence A.I.F.

Born 1904 Doyle's Creek.

Educated Maitland H. Sydney Uni. and T.C.

Enlisted Feb.1941. Embarked for Middle East, June, 1941. In Western Desert and El Alamein battles 1942. Back in Australia Feb.1943. In New Guinea June 1943 to April 1944. In Northern Territory Aug-Dec.1944.

Service overseas 886 days, Promotions all steps to W/O. Sept.1943. In Middle East was specially trained with British Army in Cipher Duties and Cipher Interception,. Slightly wounded at El Alomein. In 1943 was Instructor in Ciphers; then in charge of Cipher Section in New Guinea and Northern Territory.

1950; Hm. Coolamon.

SIMPSON, Keith Arnold — Gunner 2 Field Regt. A.I.F.

Enlisted June 1940.

Served in Middle East and New Guinea to the end of the War.

Killed by tram in George St. Sydney. 4/9/1946.

SIMPSON, Stanley Oliver — Airman Pilot and F./Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1918.

Educated Murwillumbah and Armidale T.C.

Enlisted from Konotigan 1940.

Won his wings in Canada, July 1941. Crossed to England. While bombing an enemy aerodrome in the Middle East on 5/7/1942 his plane was shot down over the target.

K.I.A.

SINDEN , George Frederick. F./O. R.A.A.F.

Trained at Sydney T.C. as Manual Arts Teacher,1939/40.

Enlisted from Grenfell I.H.S., April,1942. Transferred toRA.A.F. in Jan.1943. Promoted all steps from A.Cl to F./O. Navigator. Was K.I.A. on his first raid with Bomber Squadron over Germany.

SKEAD, Frederick Harold B.A. Sgt } Anti-Aircraft Bty. Medium Art.Regt.

Born 1918. Petersham.

Educated Summer Hill, Fort St. Sydney T.C.

Elisted from Wantabadgery.

Served at Morotai and N.W.Bornea. On return to Australia transferred to Army Education, became Psychological Examiner. In Anti-Aircraft Bty, he was classified as Instrument and Radar Specialist.

1950: Parramatta West.

SKINNER, Vincent Patrick B.A. F./Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1914 Redfern.

Educated Holy Cross,Ryde. Sydney T.C.and University.

Enlisted Aug.1940 in Air Crew.

Drafted as Educational Officer with the Department of Air,1941 then with Special Duties Branch. Instructor of three centres in Magnetos, Theory of Flight, Aircraft Recognition, and Science. Retained in Australia on special educational duties in R.A.A.F.

Discharged as medically unfit after rheumatic fever.

1950: Lismore High.

SKIPPEN, Lyle Jack F./Lt.Navigator,R.A.A.F.

Born 1911 Inverell.

Educated De La Salle and T.C.Armidale.

Enlisted May,1940. Promoted Navigation Instructor at Tocumwal; then Navigation Officer in Queensland. Sailed to Canada March 1941. At Edmonton, Moss-bank,Rivers. Gained Navigator's wing. Term at Halifax. Trained in Scotland in Air-borne radar, then posted to Anglesea to Night Fighter Squadrons of Beaufighters and Mosquitoes. Patrols were over Irish Sea, N.Atlantic, and North Sea. Next, from South of England he made over 20 daylight flights over France, on "general nuisance" jobs - bombing trains and anything [illegible]

SKIPPEN, Lyle Jack (Contd)

Left England May 1943 on "Queen Elizabeth" to study radar development and inspect night training establishments in Florida, Back in Australia in August. In May,1945 he went to Borneo as Navigator Officer at the end of the war he flew from Labuan to Australia with the recording of the Capitulation of Singapore. During his service he was in two serious crashes but escaped with shock and dislocated knee.

1950: Bradfield Park Public.

SMALL, James Stanley — Capt.Army Education.A.I.F.

Born 1904 Macksville.

Educated N.Sydney High, Sydney T.C.

Enlisted in A.I.F. 1940. He cam 1st in an Officers' School, but, Because of age did not receive a Commission in campaign unit. Saled in April 1941 to Middle East as Battery Sgt.-Major, Survey Bty. In January 1943 he went to New Guinea as B.S.H.Survey Bn. in Milne Bay,Salamau,Lae and Shaggy Ridge Campaigns. Promoted Licut.June 1943 to Dec.1943. Was promoted Captain and placed in charge of 7 Div.Education Service. He was in charge of the Army Education of 7 Div.until his discharge in August.1945.

1950: Hm. Barraba.

SMALL, Reginald Murray — W./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1912 Mudgee.

Educated Christian Bros.High School, Lewisham, Sydney T.C.

In 1942 he gained high passes in Navigation,Bombing and Gunnery, and Astra-Navigation. Selected for Canada after six months there, he arrived in England Dec.1943. Posted to Middle East for operations in Eastern Mediterranean and North Africa from Benghazi. Recalled to England in March 1945. In Devon and Scotland to October, before returning to Australi Promoted all steps to Sgt. before leaving Australia.

1950: Concord.

SMALLMAN, George Anzac. B.Sc. F./Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1916 (April) Newhambton.

Educated Newcastle High, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

March,1940 - Seconded to Commonwealth Meteorological Bureau for training.

Oct.1940- Meteorological Officer Rathmines.

March,1940. C.O. of Mobile Meteorological Flights and Army Corporation Unit. Oct.1942 to Nov.43 - Port Moresby and Milne Bay. 1944 - Instructor at Tocumwal and Williamtown, and Amphibious Warfare School at Port Stephens. 1945 - In New Guinea, Madang, and Bougainville.

1953: Science Master,Albury High School.

SMITH, Alfred Lees. R.A.A.F.

Born 1920 Kogarah.

Educated Hurstville J.T., Sydney Tech High and T.C.

Enlisted 1942. Passed high in Australian centres in Air Crew Duties. Selected to go to Canada. Passed as Navigator at Edmonton, but an operation on his ear caused him to be grounded. Was then in Australia for 14 months as Instrument Maker.

1950: Metalwork Teacher at Ashfield.

SMITH, Benjamin H. F./Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Home was in Merewether,

Educated Armidale T.C.

Enlisted from Wilga Plains.

After 16 months training in Australia, he went to Canada to train at Edmonton and Halifax,1943. Arrived in England Sept.1943. Failed to return from sorties over Germany.

MISSING. K.I.A.

SMITH, Benjamin Somerset Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1913, Petersham.

Educated Sydney High, and T.C.

Served three years. Promoted all steps from A.C.1 to Sgt. to Technical Instructor. Retained as Instructor in making electrical instruments.

1950: Wallalong.

**SMITH**, Cecil Lindon. F./Lt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1917 - Cooroy (Qld)

Educated Christian Bros.Tamworth, Armidale T.C.

After training at various centres in Australia he took part in operations in South West Pacific. Many low-level attacks on Halmakeras, Ceram, Ambon, Celebes, and Borneo. Assisted in Landings at Tarakan, Labuan, Balikpapan and Brunei Bay. In several road,railway, and shipping sweeps and attacks on enemy emplacements. Promoted all steps from A.C.1. Recommended for gallantry.

1953: T.M.C. - Bottle Creek.

**SMITH**, Charles Keightly Capt. F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1914. Portland.

Educated Portland, Sydney T.C.

Enlisted from Ulamambri,1940.

Posted to England as Pilot in Lancaster Bombing Squadron. Shot down over Hamburg on return from an effective raid. This was his 27th sortie over Germany.

K.I.A. Nov.1943.

SMITH, Clarence. Signals - R.A.A.F.

Born 1913 Parramatta

Educated Granville J.T. Sydney Tech.High and T.C.

Served throughout 1941 in eight centres. Then Operator and Lecturer in Northern Territory in anti-aircraft and fortress signals to end of 1945.

1950: Hm. Ruthven.

SMITH, Colin Hugh Sergeant Air Gunner. R.A.A.F.

Born 1911.

Educated Maitland High. Trained at Armidale T.C. 1936-37.

Enlisted from Innesbrae. Was Rear Gunner in R.A.A.F. Attached to R.A.F., England.

K.I.A. - 27/8/1942.

SMITH, Frank Lindsay Carlyle 1 Field Sqn.R.A.E. A.I.F.

Born 1904 Albion Park.

Educated Hurstville J.T.,Hurlstone Agri.High Schools, Sydney T.C.

Served in Armoured Div, then in N.Guinea in Milne Bay and Aitape,campaigns.

1950: Hm. Woronora.

SMITH, Oliver. F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1914 at Raymond Terrace.

Educated Maitland High, Armidale T.C.

Entered Bradfield Park March,1942. Sailed from Melbourne, July,1942, to San Pedro for training in Canada. Training centres were Edmonton, Portage La Prairie Niagara, Halifax. Sailed on "Aquitenia" from New York, Aug.1943 to England. Promoted P./O. January 1945.

Some targets included in his operational flights were:-

Konigsberg (without navigation aids).

Darmistadt (15 minutes in search-lights over Darmstadt and Stuttgart. Attacked by Jet Fighters over Hamburg);

Stuttgart, Boulogne, Bremerbauan, Bremen, Flushing (2 raids),Westkapelle, Brunswick, Nuremburg Dortmund-Ems Canal, Heilbron, Munich, Dresden (13/2/1945 when 250 Lancasters destroyed the city).

Ems-Weser Canal., Boklen, Essen and Dortmund - Two 1000 Bomber raids.

Pilsen, Hamburg (attacked by Jet Fighters)

With Lancasters as Navigator for 3 years 10 Months.

Promoted F./O.

At Air Bases his crew were referred to as "Very Lucky.Always gets Target".

For a period he was Instructor in LORAN - Greatest Long Range. Navigation Aid. He received two Commendations from American Army Hqrs. for his accurate bombings in support of their advance air on France.

1950: T.M.C. Blow Clear.

SMITH, Maxwell Arthur F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1910- South Australia.

Educated Gawler High, Broken Hill High, Sydney T.C.

On enlistment in 1942 was trained as Air Observer. In June 1943, posted to Canada. On General Reconnaissance at Prince Edward Is., Posted to United Kingdom in Oct.1943 as Navigator-Bomb-Aimer. After serving in several U.K.centres he was posted to Heavy Bomber Squadron in Yorkshire. Made 13 day and 7 night raids over Germany-chiefly the Ruhr.(Halifax Bombers). In Dec.1944, transferred to Norfolk on special protection duties, he also made 12 more night sorties over Germany, making 32 total. Promoted all steps to F./O. He was often on a bluffing raid, his plane leaving the main Squadron to drop special material to confuse enemy radar

SMITH, Maxwell Arthur (Contd.)

and gave the impression that he was in a big force. Most of his raids were in big attacks, some being with 1000 bombers. Some places he raided were Gelsenkirchen, Bottrop, Essen, Cleve, Cologyne, Dussoldorf, Duisberg and Kiel.

1950: T.M.C. - Pinnacle Rd.,Orange.

SMITH, Rae Henry Austin F./Lieut, R.A.A.F.

Born 1918 at Come-by-Chance.

Educated Lismore High, Armidale T.C.

Enlisted in R.A.A.F.January 1941. After training in Tiger Moths and Wittaways he received his Wings in March,1943 and was promoted F./Sgt. Trained as Flying Instructor and promoted P./O.in May 1943. Instructor in Service Flying in South Australia (6 months). Appointed Staff Tutor in Flying at Centre Flying School, Point Cook. Promoted F./Lieut. Overseas service with two squadrons at Lae in 1945.

F./Lieut R.H.A. Smith flew and instructed in the following planes:- Tiger Moth, Wirraway, Avro Trainer, Oxford, Auro Anson, Boomerang, Kittyhawk, Vultee, Vergeance, Douglas C47, and Auster J5.

At discharge his flying hours were 1600.

SMITH, Richard Henry B.Sc. Lance Sergeant, Field Security Section A.I.F.

Born 1922 Katoomba.

Educated Blacktown, Parramatta High, Sydney T.C.and University.

After passing high in two Army Schools he was posted as Instructor Corporal at Cowra; at Jungle Training School at Canungra. Posted to General Transport as Truck Driver, then to Security Wing of Intelligence, did good work with U.S.Intelligence Corps. In Finschafen Campaign with Field Security. In Jan-Feb.1945 was in Dutch New Guinea collating Security work with Americans. Served at Morotai and Borneo Landings; then carried on Security work in Bruner,Labuan,North Borneo, and Sarawak. Promoted F.Sgt.

1953: Katoomba High.

SMITH, SAXON TURTON, B.Ec. A.A.Q.C.

Born in England.

Educated in New Zealand and N.S.Wales.

Dux Casino I.H.S.

Trained at Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Enlisted from Milson's Point.

Served in Middle East with Ordnance Corps.

Resigned.

SMITH, Thomas Pallet Cpl.2/19 Bn. A.I.F.

Enlisted from Clear Ridge.

"Highly regarded throughout his Company and congratulated by his O.C. during Muar Battle on his inspiring gallantry and initiative. Would certainly have won his Commission had he not be captured."

Retired from teaching.

SMITH, Weldon Richard Sgt 10 Signals Unit.

Born 1910 Dungog.

Educated Wangat, Gosford High, Sydney T.C.

Served from Sept.1943 to July 1945, including 15 months in New Guinea, mainly at Milne Bay. Promoted L.Cpl. Cpl. and Sergeant.

1950: Taree.

SMITH, Harold Joseph Bruce R.A.N.

Born 1917.

Educated Lismore High, Armidale T.C.

Enlisted from Dyraaba, March, 1941 in R.A.N.V.R. After trained at Flinders sailed to England, May 1941, for general seamanship course on H.M.S. "Collingwood". Left England in H.M.A.S."Nestor" for Mediterranean Oct. 1941. They sank a submarine off Spain. Served at Malta and Alexandria. "Nestor" was sunk in June 1942 by air attack while on convoy duty to Malta. He then served in H.M.A.S. "Norman" serving with R.N. in Indian Ocean from Capetown to Colombo. From March 1943 to end of War he served on escort launches along our Eastern Coast.

1950: Hebden.

SMITH, Laurence Howard — F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1911. Emmaville.

Educated De La Salle and T.C.Armidale.

Enlisted January 1942. Called up in Air Crew January 1943. From Bradfield want to Narrandera as Pilot. Drafted to Signals Section and Filter Duties. Promoted P./O. Dec.1943. Retained as Instructor in Filter Work. (This work involved filtering reports from everywhere about our own and enemy planes and positions, radar reports, questioning of crews, inspection of photos, accompanying crews, and general Intelligence. He was Intelligence Officer Instructor at Mildura and Madang, then at Tadji. Promoted F./O.

1950: Tea Gardens.

SMITH, John Henry — Wireless Operator- Regt. 2/6 Armoured Tank Unit.

Born 1910, Portland.

Educated Portland, Parramatta H.and Sydney T.C.

Became Wireless Specialist, wireless operator in the first Tank Unit in New Guinea, After 6 months in New Guinea was evacuated, very ill, to Australia. (Brother of Charles K.)

1950: Greenethorpe.

SPENCE - James — Bombardier, Anti Aircraft Searchlights. A.I.F.

Born 1923.

Educated at Sydney Tech.High.

Enlisted on passing Leaving Certificate 1942.

Served at Darwin for ten months, promoted Bombardier.

Transferred to R.A.A.F. and became A.C.2.

Sydney Training College 1948-49.

1950: At Oatley West.

SMYTHE, Herbert Edward V. B.A. — Lieut.2/33 Bn/and Hqrs.7 Div. A.I.F.

Born 1920 Epping.

Educated Fort St., Sydney Uni. and Teachers' College.

War Service: 1941-42- Australia, 1942-43 New Guinea, 1943 Queensland, 1943-44 New Guinea. In all actions in two Neew Guinea Campaigns. Commissioned in 2nd N.G.Campaign. In 1944-45 he served with Allied Intelligence in Queensland Westralia, and several islands but little information on this work can be divulged. 1950: DRUMMOYNE.

SNOWDON, Harry Hanlon Sub.Lieut.R.A.N.

Educated Armidale T.C.

Enlisted in Infantry Nov.1941.

Promoted Corporal Instructor. Enlisted R.A.N.R.Sept.1942. Commissioned as Sub.Lieut.April 1943. Served in H.M.A. Ships "Kanimbla" and"Westralia" as assistant Beachmaster, In Pacific operations.

Appointed to R.A.N.Beach Commando Unit as Beachmaster in 1 Aust.Beach Group in March 1944.

1950: WILLOUGHBY.

SPENCE, Alexander Joseph B.A. Sub.Lieut. R.A.N.

Born 1918 at Hay.

Educated Hay High, Sydney Uni. and T.C.

Service with R.A.N.Oct 1942 to July 1946. On H.M.A.S."Bingera" on convoy on Coast of Australia. At Flinders and Rushcutters bay he specialised as Anti-Submarine Officer. Promoted Sub.Lt. May 1943. Served on five ships of R.A.N. on anti-submarine patrols from Townsville, Thursday Is., and Morotai. On three ships he was Watch-keeping Officer with general duties.

1950: DENILIQUIN.

SPENCE, Colin John. D.C.M. Pte.2/18 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1912 New Zealand.

Educated Moree, Singleton,Maitland High, Armidale T.C.

Enlisted July 1940. In Malaya February 1941 to Feb.1942. Wounded by sword in both shoulders in Battle of Mersing 27/1/42. In Hospital in Ceylon to April 1942, then in Australia.

It was exceptional for a Private to receive the D.C.M. Hereunder is an extract from the Bn's history. 2/18th Bn. A.I.F. :-

"On the 26th/27th January,1942(night) during A.I.F.operations in Malaya, the 2/18th Bn.A.I.F.was holding portion of the Mersing-Jemaluang Road. The platoon to which C.J.Spence belonged was covering the main road. When the enemey was engaged, the Section Commander was killed, and Pte. Spence took charge.

His initiative and leadership of the section resulted in the enemy (about one platoon) being repulsed. Their enemy officer rallied the platoon and again attacked Spence's section. Spence gallantly led his

SPENCER, Thomas Albert.

Gunner - Heavy anti-aircraft battery - A.I.F.

First training with University Regt. In March 1942 posted to A/A. Training Bty. In New Guinea from October 1942 to April 1944 with Heavy A/A. Regiment. Splendid work at Milne Bay, Lae Landing and coastal posts, at Morotai and Labuan Landing and in North Borneo - April to December 1945.

SPENCE, Colin John (Contd)

section, although outnumbered three to one. The enemy officer surprised Spence, inflicting a sword slash from shoulder to hip necessitating approximately 150 stitches. Despite his severe wound, Spence regained his feet, killed the officer, and by directing the fire and movement of his section, repelled the attack successfully and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. Weakening rapidly through loss of blood he ordered the movement of his section to a better postion, to which they carried him. His feat of courage and leadership was outstanding."

SPONBERG, Victor Lawrence, B.A. Sergeant /Signallers A.I.F.

Born 1914 Kogarah.

Educated Canterbury High, Sydney Uni. and T.C.

Service in Owen Stanley Range, Kokoda Trail, Buna,Sanananda. Promoted L/Cpl. and Cpl. in New Guinea. Attached to American Air Force for two months. In and out of hospital for a year with head wound and severe Malaria. Then became Signal Instructor in Wireless Telegraphy. Promoted Sgt. In New Guinea again Oct.1944 to Oct.1945 in Aitape-Wewak Campaigns. Then recalled to Australia to assist in demobilisation and rehabilitation.

1954: HM. GYMEA BAY.

SPRATT, Chester George Cpl. 2/13 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1912 at Hargraves.

Educated at Sydney T.C.

Promoted Cpl.before sailing Aug.1942, as reinforcement to 2/13 Bn.in North Africa. In hospital on Canal with Mumps. Back in Australia end of Feb. 1943. At Milne Bay in Aug 1943, in Battle of Lae 2/9/43. Landed with battalion in darkness at Finschafen Sept.1943. Nine days assault in Finschafen. Wounded in Battle for Kakakog 1/10/43. Evacuated to Moresby Hospital by jeep ambulance car, barge, and air.

Rejoined 13 Bn. but was boarded "B" and retained in Australia.

SPRATT, John Richmond. F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1915 Coraki.

Educated Taree, Armidale T.C.

Promoted to L.A.C.in Australia, trained in Canada as Observer,promoted Sgt. Took advanced training in England, promoted Bomb-Aimer,F./Sgt.

SPRATT, John Richmond (Contd)

On operational flying over enemy territory for about a year. Promoted P./O. and F./O. Made 32 sorties over Germany and France

1950: GRAFTON HIGH.

STAHL, Frederick John F./O. R.A.A.F.

After service as a Private in A.I.F.transferred to R.A.A.F. Air Crew. In July 1943 was posted to Canada, promoted Sergeant Pilot. Graduated as Navigator in Prince Edward Island, and posted to Nassav, in Bahamas. Returned to Montreal. Flew to Prestwick in Scotland. After a course at Brighton was posted to North Ireland and Scotland on Liberator Bombers. Promoted P.O., then F./O. His work was patrolling North Sea, Coast of Norway, Faroes, Denmark, and Baltic Sea. Posted to U.S.A. to fly Liberators to Australia just as Pacific War ended.

1954: BLACKHEATH.

STANFIELD, Allan John Llewellyn 2/11 Armoured Car Regt. A.I.F.

Born 1914. Nimbin.

Educated Lismore High, Armidale T.C.(Dux 1933)

Two years service in Australia. Invalided out.

1950: SOUTH LISMORE.

STANTON, William Everard F./Lt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1903, Newcastle.

Educated Holy Cross College,Ryde, Sydney T.C.

Arrived in Middle East,Nov.1941 Drafted to Tobruk Base. In advance party to capture Benghazi in January 1942. In squadron in Western Desert to attack enemy shipping. In action at El Alemain and pursuit of enemy to Tripoli. This unit was then drafted to Haifa, and later Syria. His last Middle East appointment was Adjutant at a Suez Canal R.A.F. station.

Promotions: All Steps from AC11 to F./Lt.

1950: NEW LAMBTON.

STAPLEY, Earl Lawson Lieut. AI.F.

Born 1914 Helensburgh.

Educated Granville J.T.,Sydney Tech High, Sydney T.C.

In three Training Bns.he was Instructor of Infantry. Promoted Cpl. and Sergeant. To go overseas he reverted at his own request, to Private,

STAPLEY, Earl Lawson (Contd)
then in new A.I.F.Bn. he speedily won stripes and Lieut's stars.
Served in New Guinea and New Britain for six months.
1950: COPMANHURST.

STEIN, Henry Albury — Corporal - R.A.A.F.
Born 1905 - Croki.
Educated Cundleton, Taree High, Sydney T.C.
Joined R.A.A.F. as a Cook. (He wanted a change of occupation)
Most of his service was in Officers' Mess. On his discharge he received a "Superior" in Trade Proficiency.
Service at Darwin and in Papua for 18 months in 1942-43.
Promotions were ACl, L.A.C. - Corporal.
1950: WINGHAM.

+ STEINBECK, William John — W./O. 2/20 Bn. A.I.F.
Enlisted from Morpeth.
Sailed in "Queen Mary" Feb.1941.
Died as P.O.W. on Death March, North Borneo.
There were very few survivors of the Sandakan party of 1487, sent to make airfields. "He was a constant inspiration to his mates, in battalion and as P.O.W. He possessed wonderful qualities of leadership and fortitude." Letter from his C.O.

STEPHENS, William Arthur "Mick". — F./Sgt.Navigaror,R.A.A.F.
Born 1916.
Educated Maitland High(Prefect) and Armidale T.College.
Editor of College Journal.
Enlisted Nov.1942 from Yarrowyek. Passed from Kingaroy Air School as L.A.C. Sailed to Canada, Trained at Edmonton. "The Canadians treat us wonderfully" Promoted F./S.Navigator. After several dangerous sorties over Germany he volunteered for "A highly dangerous operation." to make room for mines to be dropped near Heligoland, the crew was the minimum possible. He wrote "Canadians treat us wonderfully" Volunteer crew for highly dangerous mine laying near Heligoland.
Missing: Crashed over Heligoland 5/10/1944. "A fine English scholar-showing promise of becoming a poet"- College Principal.

+ STEWART, Donald — Runner - 2/19 Bn. AIF.

Enlisted from Reserve Creek.

"He gave courageous service to Colonel Anderson in delivering messages under heavy fire. At MUAR when our Battalion was surrounded by Japs, his example was heroic".

Died of wounds on Sigapore Island as a result of ambush by Japs.

STEWART, Ronald Vaners B.Sc. — Major C.O. 8 Survey Bty. A.I.F.

Born 1906 Newcastle.

Educated Katoomba, Sydney Uni. and T.C.

In May 1941 was appointed Instructor in Flash Spotting, then O.C. 2nd Flash Spotting Bty. Promoted Major. Landed at Brunei Bay on the first day of North Borneo Campaign.

At end of War he was appointed War Crimes Officer, 9 Aust.Div.

Mentioned in Dispatches for "Services in South West Pacific Area."

1950: LITHGOW HIGH (Maths Master)

STIRLING, Malcolm Francis. B.A. — Sgt. Anti-Aircraft Bty. and Postal Services, A.I.F.

Born 1921. Bexley.

Educated Canterbury H. Sydney Uni and T.C.

On transport with A.A.Units when attacked by submarine. Stationed at Cape York to protect air strips. Transferred to Postal Services, in two New Guinea campaigns. Transferred to Army Education, and became a popular lecturer. Received a Letter of appreciation from C.O. Army Education at Lae.

Finished Service as Testing and Interviewing Officer, Vocational Guidance, Brisbane.

1950: HURLSTONE AGR.HIGH.

STOCKTON, Ernest Robert B.A. — Wireless Telegraphist Radar Specialist. R.A.A.F.

Born 1924 Williamstown, (Vic)

Passed Leaving Certificate at 14 and again at 15 at St.Joseph's Hunter's Hill. Enlisted aged 19 in R.A.A.F. Became Wireless Telegraphist. Served at Horn Is., Townsville, Bougainville and New Britain.

Sydney Teachers' College, 1946.

1950: PENRITH HIGH.

STORM, Alan George — W./O. A.I.F.Training Bns.

Born 1914 Leichhardt.

Educated Canterbury High, Sydney T.C.

Rejected on volunteering, three times on account of earlier ailment.

In April 1942 he was called up as Instructor in infantry camps.

Promoted Cpl.,Sgt., and W./O.

1950: HM. TATHRA.

STRAKER, Ernest. — Submarine Detector Operator. R.A.N.

Born 1920, Northumberland, England.

Educated Maitland H. and Armidale T.C.

Served on convoy and submarine patrol jobs in Indian Ocean and Western Pacific for four years to March 1946.

1950: GRAFTON.

STREET, Edmund Horrington, MM. — MM'C.Q.M.Sergeant, A.I.F.

V. 1st World War.

STRONG, Edward Alexander — Lieut. 2/3 Bn. AIF.

Born 1911 Bexhill.

Educated at Lismore and Armidale T.C.

Enlisted from Kelelghay, Nov.1939.

Saile for Middle East in April 1941, promoted Lieut. Returned to Australia, August 1942. In New Crimea, including Kokoda Trail campaigns until wounded, Nov.1942. Suffered serious illness following scrub typhus, and had a year in hospitals.

In A.I.F. he was captain of football team.

1950: DOUBTFUL CREEK.

STURDAY, Herbert Gwynne,B.Ec. A.S.T.C. — Bombardier,2/6 Survey Bty. A.I.F.

Born 1915, Sydney.

Educated Parramatta High, Sydney T.C.,Sydney Tech.College, Uni.

Service from June,1940 to Oct.1945. From April 41 to Aprl.42 in Middle East.Dec.1942 to Jan.1944 in New Guinea Campaigns. Again in New Guinea Nov.1946 to Sept.1945. Served throughout as Surveyor. Did extensive mapping and defence area surveys in Middle East,N.Australia and New Guinea.

1951: PARKES HIGH.

STUTTER, Allan Grant — Flying Officer D.F.C.

Served as a pilot with No.463 R.A.A.F. Squadron in the U.K. and flew Lancasters in operations against Germany.

Citation:

"This officer has taken part in numerous operations against the enemy in all of which he has shown the highest skill, courage, and fortitude."

SULLIVAN, James Bernard.(2 Wars) — Major,1 Div. A.A.S.C.

Born 1888 at Lorne.

Educated Taree and Hereford House.

Volunteered for overseas.

Service from June 1940 to June 1944. Appointments were: Adjutant I. A.A.S.C., O.C.Nothern Coy.1 A.A.S.C., Staff Captain, Goulburn. Quartermaster, Liverpool, Enginners' Administrative Staff, Victoria Barracks. Promoted Major. Received appreciations from G.O.C. Australia, Commandant of Duntroon, and Formation Commandery Lines of Communication. (M.Kaiser's War with Lighthorse).

1950: CASTLE HILL.

SULLIVAN, Leslie Harold B.A. — Sgt. 41 Squadron R.A.A.F.

Born 1924 Kempsey.

Educated Clybucca, Kempsey H, Armidale T.C.

Enlisted at 18. Trained and served at various centres from Melbourne to Cairns. Gained high passes as Fitter, Rigger, Gunner, Wireless and Radar Operator, and was Instructor throughout 1946 and 1945.

1950: BELMORE SOUTH.

SUTERS, Winston Arthur — Sgt.Hqrs/Aust.Army Corps. A.I.F.

Born 1916 Bellingen.

Educated Secondary Education at Kempsey.Parramatta,Hurlstone,Penrith and Sydney Tech.High. Sydney T.C.

Enlisted from Konorigan. Promoted to Sergeant, and was Instructor at Cowra, Ingleburn,Dubbo and Canungra Jungle School. In New Guinea and Borneo Campaigns from May 1943 to March 1946.

1950: JEOGLA.

SUTHERLAND, James, Alan B.A.BSC.(Agr) Squadron Leader,R.A.A.F.

Born 1912, Barraba.

Educated Wagga High, Sydney Uni. and T.C.

Enlisted Feb.1941. Rapid promotions from A.C.1. Served all over Australia in various units - training and operational. Promoted P./O. June 1941. Then all stages to Act Squadron Leader and C.O. of Central Recognition School, Bradfield Park. Operational service included term with U.S.Air Force in 1943; Darwin, New Guinea, Morotai. In command of Mobile Units in operation areas in 1944. Awarded Chief of Staff's Certificate of Commendation in Jan.1945.

"He pioneered and developed training in Aircraft and Ship Recognition in the three Services of the Australian Forces. All Naval and Army instructors were first trained at his school, also many Dutch and U.S.A. personnel. He was in charge of the training of 13,800 Officers in either training or operational units."

1950: Lecturer in Biology, Armidale T.C.

SUTHERLAND, Gilbert M.A., B.Com. Lieut. A.I.F.

Interpreter with British Armed Forces from August 1943 to August 1945.

1954: KOGARAH I.H.S.

SUTHERLAND, William Gunner,2/1 F.Regt. A.I.F.

Educated Orange, Sydney T.C.

Served in N.Australia and in New Guinea campaigns. Was discharged suffering from Cerebral Malaria. Appointed Manly School but died early 1946.

SWEENEY, John Leonard Corp/17 M.G.Regt. A.I.F.

Service 1939 and 1940.

Became Adviser in Physical Training and National Fitness, regarded by Man Power as urgent.

SYMES, Robert Alan Sgt. 9 F.Ambulance, A.I.F.

Born 1900, Petersham.

Educated Sydney and Newcastle High, Hereford House.

Service in Australia 19/6/1941 to 30/4/1943. Retained as Instructor on account of age.

1950: BERALA.

SYKES, Godfrey Sylvester. Sergeant Motor Transport, and Ordnance. A.I.F.

Born 1908 at Auckland (N.Z.)

Educated at Chatswood, North Sydney High and Sydney Teachers' College. Enlisted - Age 34 - April 1942. Immediately appointed Instructor in Motor Transport School at Bathurst, promoted Sergeant in charge of M.T.School. Instructor at Cowra M.T.Training Depot. Trained A.W.A.S. in M.T.Work at Ingleburn, then in N.Queensland trained 7th Div.Troops in use of American Tractors and Motors. The importance of his work and high efficiency, on which he was several times complimented by C.O's- kept him in Australia. For final six months he was in charge, at Moore- bank and Army Hqrs. Melbourne, of unit receiving cataloguing, investigating interchangeability of motor and marine engine parts, and packing and dispatch on storage of countless mechanical items.
"A" very valuable N.C.O., indispensable at this Depot". C.O.
1950: Headmaster - Bellangry.

TALBOT, Thomas Surrey Lieut. Intelligence Section — Lieut.9 Div.Hqrs.A.I.F.
Born 1910 Thornton. 13th Bn.

Educated Cook's Hill Inter.Newcastle High, Sydney T.C.
Served with 2/13 Bn. in Middle East in 1941-1942. In Syria, Aleffo, Western Desert, Battle of El Alamein.
In New Guinea Campaigns - Milne Bay, Lae, Finschafen and Borneo.
During Alamein Battle he was promoted Cpl. and carried out duties of Intelligence Sergeant. Promoted Sgt.May 1944 and Staff Sergeant August 1944., Lieut.April 1945. From October 1944 to Feb.1945 was Instructor in Army School of Military Intelligence. He then went to Borneo on 9 Aust.Div.Hqrs. (Intelligence)
Returned to Australia, Feb.1946. Then Captain, H.Q. 8th Inf. Bde.

1950: Kurri Kurri
1954: Maroubra.

TANNER, Ronald Leslie B.A. Navigator F./Ltd. R.A.A.F.

Born 1916 - Wallabadah.

Educated Quirindi, Hurlstone Agr.Hihg, Armidale T.C.and Sydney University. After ten months' training in Australia he sailed to Canade July 1943 and to England in Nov. Completed full tour in Lancaster Bombers 13/2/45. This included raids over Germany and France - Calais, Dortmund, Munich, Cologne, Dresden, Duisburg, etc. His plane was generally the Formation Leader for spearhead of attacks. Then appointed Navigation Instructor at Officers' Training Unit.

Discharged December,1945.

1953: Inspector of Schools.

TARRAN, William Leonard George Lieut. A.I.F.

Born 1918, Dungog.

Educated Dungog, Maitland High, Armidale T.D.

Promotions, all steps to Lieut.

In New Guinea campaigns for 8 months in 1944 - Romu Valley, Madang and in Bougainville 4 months in 1945. Wounded and spent 11 months in hospitals.

1950: MAYFIELD.

TASKER, David Henry Signaller -8th Div. A.I. F.

Enlisted from Glebe.

Died as P.O.W.from Malnutrition and exhaustion on march from Malaya to Burma.

TAPPER, Verdun James B.A. Lieut. R.A.N.V.R.

Born 1917, Kyogle.

Educated Armidale T.C.

Enlisted Jan.1941. Sailed in March to England. Landed at Liverpool during a big ari-raid. Further training on H.M.ships "Collingwood" and "Victory". Joined HMS "King George V" at Scapa Flow in Orkney Is. Visited Iceland, in a raid on Lofoden Is. After a year as Seaman he trained in Naval Officers' College at Brighton, and graduated Sub.Lieut.in April,1942. On "Queen Elizabeth" on voyage via The Cape to Suez Canal. Trained on Bitter Lakes in handling Landing Craft; then at Alexandria. After B. of El Alamein his boat assisted land operations at Bardia,Tobruk,Benghazi. His Motor Landing Craft was only 30 tons. Terrific storm at Benghazi

TAPPER, Verdun James B.A. (Contd)
destroyed 15 ships. His M.L.C.rescued crew of a transport, after an explosion, and extinghuished the fire. (Received good salvage money).
In March, 1943 his M.L.C.rescued survivors of H.M.S."Snapdragon" sunk off Benghazi by dive-bombers. Promoted Lieut. Flew to Tripoli to organize M.L.C. Units and Tank Landing Craft. Then to Malta on further similar organization. Promoted First Lieut. He was heavily bombed off Sicily and the toe of Italy, Returned in his T.L.C. to Alexandria after ten months' stirring Mediterranean service. Back in England in Nov.1943, to train in Rocket Craft Flotilla. He was in charge of Rocket Craft 440 in the Invasion of Normandy, to bombard railways behind the Germans.
A Rocket Craft carried 1000 rockets of 60 lb., these were fired insalvoes of 50 every second. The bombardment equalled that of 12 cruisers firing for 30 minutes. The salvo spread at 2 miles range was half-a-mile. His next job - in charge of Rocket Craft 378 - was the clearing of Germans from Walcheren in November,1944. Then a mine - sweeping to Antwerp.
When his Flotilla leader was mined on return voyage to England, Lt.Tapper took charge of the big convoy and got it into Ostende, and later to England. He and his crew were personally congratulated by the G.O.C. Marine Forces.
Demobilised in Brisbane,April 1946, after five years' active service.
A splendid Odyssey.

TATE, Arthur. Staff Sergeant.
Born 13/10/1909 at Sheffield, England.
Primary and Secondary education at Sheffield.
At Sydney Teachers' College,1927-28.
Enlisted March 1942. After training at Dubbo, Bathurst and Greta served with 2/35th Bn. Armoured Division - Westralia.
Promoted to Staff Sergeant and highly complimented by G.O.C.on efficiency.
Morotai in N.E.I. Again congratulated for special work with a big group of poorly educated men, his patience, perseverance and personality being mentioned.
1950: Headmaster of Evans Head.

TAYLOR, Alexander James. Lieut.A.I.F.

Enlisted from Armidale Teachers' College. Promoted all steps-Cpl.Sgt. and Lieut. Ratained in Australia as Instructor and Organizer.

1950: S.DUBBO.

TAYLOR, Alexander Joseph. Sgt. A.I.F.

(In two World Wars)

Born 1898 at Wagga.

Served in Middle East January 1941 to Jan.1942. In New Guinea 10 months in 1944-45. Promoted Sgt. (See Kaiser's War List)

TAYLOR., Arthur Conister V.(B.A.Dip.Ed) L.Cpl.Artillery Signals A.I.F.

Born 26/6/1908 in Cheshire.

Educated St.Johns School,Darlinghurst,Sydney High, University and Teachers' College.

In 1942 on maintenance of wireless services in N.Queensland, In New Guinea, Moresby,Lae,Hollandia, and Milne Bay from June 1943 to end of war. For outstanding work in radio and devoted service was recommended for a commission. While in N.Guinea he wrote a booklet "St.John on the Hill" giving the story of his old school and Church's patriotic work.

Returned to Australia April 1945, served at Brisbane and Melbourne and was in charge of Balcombe Camp Stores.

1950: BOWRAL HIGH.

TAYLOR, John B.A. F/Lt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1915 Petersham.

Educated Five Dock, Fort St.Sydney University and T.C.

Volunteered Oct.1940. Held on reserve to Sept.1941. Trained as Navigator. For 11 months from Nov.1942 he was Navigator in 6 Sqn. Hudsons in New Guinea, New Britain and other S.W.Pacific areas. Then was Instructor in Wireless Navigation for 5 months at Ballarat and Mt.Gambier. Now graduated as Bombing Leader. In Sept.1944 he was Navigator with a ferry crew across the Pacific to California, and brought back a Catalina via San Diege, Palmyra, Canton Is. and Suva. Then was Instructor as Navigator and Bombing Leader with Catalinas. In Aug.1945 he went with a flight of Catalinas to Singapore to bring home our P.O.W. (One brother was killed in a aircrash, one died on the Death March in Borneo. A third brother,Robert is listed in these records. )

1950: HIGH SCHOOL BOWRAL.

TEECE, Clive Bedford Sgt.Light A.H.Regt. A.I.F.

Born 1913 Wellington.

Educated Wellington,Orange High, Sydney T.C.

On enlistment he was posted to an Anti-tank training unit at Cowra, Largs, and Greta. Promoted Bombardier and Sergeant.

Served with the Armoured Division at Geraldton, Carins, and Practically all over Australia.

1950: THE JUNCTION.

TEMPLE, Vincent Joseph. B.A. Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1918 Canowindra.

Educated S.J.Hunter's Hill, Sydney T.C.

Trained at Tocumwal,1943.

Served Dec.1943 to Feb.1945 in New Guinea Trobriand and Goodenough Is. with advanced R.A.A.F. Command. Commended by C.O. for outstanding work in Cipher Section. Promoted Sgt. In 1945 served on and around Morotai.

1950: District Counsellor, Canberra.

TESTER, Percy Norman, B.Ec.Dip.Ed. Squadron Leader, R.A.A.F.

Born 1911 Sydney.

Educated Sydney Tech.High T.C.and University.

Promoted all steps to Squadron Leader. He was Education Officer at Bradfield Station. Ed.Officer at Richmond and Tocumwal., Chief Instructor with staff of 12 at Melbourne, as Squadron Leader, then was in charge of N.S.W.Inspection and training. In 1941-42 he escorted 600 Air Crew Trainees to Canada, and organized their training before, during, and after their voyage. Then was seconded to U.S.Navy at Pearl Harbour, and did a tour on one of their Warships. He received, on completion of the tour an appreciation from the Captain. (Listed in U.S.Records as Commendation.

1950: Lismore High.

THOMPSON, Eric Reginald. F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1922 at Newcastle.

Educated Canterbury High and Sydney T.C.

Enlisted from Teachers' College. Served in A.I.F. from Dec.1941 to June 1943. Transferred to R.A.A.F. Selected for Canada Dec 1943. Promoted all steps to F./O. Instructor in Canada.

1950: KIAMA.

THOMAS, Ellis Rodger F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1916 Woollahra.

Educated Woollahra, Randwick, Sydney High and T.C.

Trained as Wireless Air Gunner and Bomb Aimer, Sailed to Canada Sept.1943. Trained in Saskatchewan. In collision over a lake, qualified as Caterpillar leg injured. Completed Navigation Course at Winnipeg. Was the top graduate from Bombing Insturctors' School in Ontario. Posted to Flying Staff in Ontario to train R.A.F. and Free French in Bombing. Married Canadian Air Force girl at Toronto. Served in Hollandia on way back to Australia. Posted to Bradfield Park as Instructor.

In Yaralla Hospital. Discharged June 1945 as Medically Unfit.

1950: Carlton Central.

THOMAS, Herbert Charles F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1918 Broken Hill.

Educated Broken Hill High, Sydney T.C.

Passed with distinction in Flying Training Schools at Bradfield Park, Temora, and Bundaberg. Selected for Aircraft Captain's Course. Passed High Altitude Course and became Staff Pilot, Navigation School at Parkes. (Feb.1943). Operational Flying at Sale, and Torpedo Flying at Nowra. Posted to Torpedo Squadron in Pacific Islands - Goodenough, Nadzab, and Aitape. Made 30 operational strikes with torpedoes,bombs, and machine guns in Rabaul, Wewak, and neighbouring ocean. In 1945 was Operational Flying Training Instructor at Sale.

Premotions: All steps A.C.11, L.A.C, Sgt.Pilot,E/s.Pilot.W.O. P./O.F./O.

1950: Hm. Silverton.

THOMAS, Roland Edward, B.A. Corporal, R.A.A.F.

Born 5/4/1916 at Parkes.

Educated Marish Bros.Forbes, Parkes I.H.S.Christian Bros.Manly,Armidale Teachers' College,1937-38.

Enlisted from Bellarwi P.S .January 1943. In New Guinea June 1943 to October 1944 with No.4 Fighter Sector as Corporal Radio Telephony Operator. Editor of a monthly magazine called "Sectazette" which was very popular in the unit; organizer of debates and discussion groups, for which he received high commendation from C.O. In 1945 was transferred to R.A.A.F. Hqrs. as Educational Assistant. Completed B.A. -

In 1950: at Liverpool C.J.T.School.

THOMSON, James Alexander,B.A. W./O. Armoured Car Regt. A.I.F.

Born 1911 Edinburgh.

Educated at Sydney T.C.and University.

Served three years with 2/11 Armoured Car Reg. in all parts of Australia. Promoted Sgt. and Instructor in Tank Gunnery School. A popular lecturer. He did excellent statistical work on Ballistics. Was injured by gun tractor in 1942 and spent six months in Army hospital.

In 1950 was Assistant Supervisor of Physical Education N.S.W.

THOMSON, Ronald Hamilton D.F.C. F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Navigator Citation for D.F.C.- "This Officer has completed numerous operations against the enemy, in the course of which he has invariably displayed outstanding fortitude, courage, and devotion to duty."

Joined R.A.Navy with a Commission.

THURLOW, Robert Allan Able Seaman, R.A.N.

Born 1925, Newtown.

Educated Christian Bros.Lewisham.(Bursar) Trained at Flinders,Townsville and Sydney Naval Depots, specialising in radar. Saved overseas on A.M.A.S."Vandetta, 1944-and 45. Promotions were Ord.Seaman 11, ord. Seaman, and A.B.

1950: Accounts Clerk, Farrer Memorial High School.

THRIFT, Wallace David. L.A.C. R.A.A.F.

Born 1924 at Branxton.

Educated Ellerslie, Branxton, Maitland High.

Trained at Armidale T.College.

Enlisted from Teachers' College. Trained as Mechanic in Transport, served with 14th Repair and Servicing Unit. Served at Darwin,Townsville, Morotai(nine months) and Laha Strip, Amboina (Three Months).

Suffered from Malaria.

1953: In Charge of Ingar P.S.

TODD, Ernest F./O., R.A.A.F.

Born 1913 Vancouver Is. B.C.

Educated in Northumberland, Maitland H.S.and Armidale T.C.

After 14 months training in Australia he went to Canada in Feb.1943. Trained at Edmonton and Halifax,. Additional training in Advanced Flying and Operations and Ferry Flying. Posted to North Africa, then to Italy with R.A.F.Squadron. He made 32 sorties as Navigator with the R.A.F. Wellington Squadron, sorties being mainly night operations against strategie targets - oil stores, railways, harbours, dumps, and concentrations. He raided over Southern Germany and France and Austria,Hungary, Albania, Rumania, and North Italy.

In Nov.1944 he was posted to Cairo, then to England.

His promotions were all steps to F./O.

(There were three TODD brothers Navigators.)

1950: TORONTO.

THORNTON, Robert Henry B.A. F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1915 at Mildura.

Educated Hay High, Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Enlisted July 1942, promoted Trainee Observer - L.A.C.- Nov.1942.

In Canada, promoted Sgt. - Air Navigator - April.1943.

In England from June,1943. Promoted F.Sgt. in Nov.1943.

Joined Liberator Squadron for service in India. Carried bombs for fighter bombers into Imphal Valley. Promoted P./O. and served with R.A.F. from Bengal Bases in raids over Burma, Siam, and Malaya to end of March 1945. Promoted F./O. Repeatly dropped supplies and landed in Burma, Continued this work from Chittagong to end of War. Then flew British prisoners of war out of Bangkok, and carried supplies to Saigon.

1950: YOUNG H.S.

TIMMS, Charles John. Sergeant. R.A.A.F.

Born 1918 Lismore.

Educated Lismore High, Armidale T.C.

In Dec.1942, he completed Wireless Mechanics Course at Melbourne, with distinction. Completed at Richmond a Radio Direction Finding Mechanics Course, March 1943. Posted to Townsville Signals, then Cairns. Then 14 months at Radar Station Merauke Dutch N.Guinea. Similar work for four months at Point Danger, and for six months at Radar Station in New Britain. Promotions - all stsps to Sergeant.

1950. North Lismore.

TOBIN, Vincent Joseph Cpl. 2/19 Bn.A.I.F.

Born 1918. Scarborough.

Educated Christian Bros.,Wollongong and Sydney T.C.

Enlisted from Mt.Darragh July 1940. Sailed on "Queen Mary" 4/2/41 to Singapore. He was a very popular member of the Brigade Concert Party. In action throughout Malay Campaign. As P.O.W. he was badly injured on a wharf when a sling of a ton of cement fell on him. Had six fractures of pelvis.

1950: Balgownie.

"Vincent Tobin, like a couple of other Teachers in the 19th was an inspiring influence at all times throughout the Company Bn. Headquarters had selected him for a Commission, which he would have got if the Battalion had lasted a few more days." Capt.Adjutant.

TODD, William Kenneth, B.A. F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1915. Vancouver Is. B.C.

Educated Northumberland,-Maitland High, Armidale T.C.

Enlisted from Ingar after training in Australia in 1942, he was posted to Canada for training, January to June 1943. Ge served on the Ferry Unit from England to March 1944, delivering planes to North Africa and Italy. In April and May 1944 he served with R.A.F. in Italy. He was shot down near Vienna, and was P.O.W. for a year. He was in eight successful sorties in North Italy, Roumama and Austria.

1954: Bonalbo.

TOMKYNS, Eric Alexander B.A. Gunner 2/15 Field Regt.

Enlisted from Warialda.

Died as P.O.W. at Sandrakan in Borneo. 25th June,1945. Cause not stated. Was on Death March.

TOOMEY, Leo

Enlistad from Carsonville.

He was Air Bomber in the big attack on Gelsenkirchen on 21/6/1944.

K.I.A.

TOWNSEND, Leonard George Aircraftsman/ R.A.A.F.

Born 1921 Merriwa.

Educated Merriwa, Maitland High, Armidale T.C.

Served through 1945 in Air Crew in Australia.

1950: Mt.Dangar.

TRUDGEON, Milton P. Lieut. 2/17 Bn. A.I.F.

Enlisted - September 1940.

Corporal Feb 1941. Gained a Distinction Pass at Signal Officers' Training School, Casula in March 1941. Trained reinforcements, promoted Sergeant, and attended Infantry Officers' Training School where he qualified with Distinction, Commissioned in December,1941. Trained reinforcements and became a Qualified Instructor and O.C.Training at Geurilla Warfare School - January to September 1942. Was also Small Arms Officer Instructor. Throughout 1943 trained reinforcements in infantry work and signals. Attended Conungra Jungle Course and became Instructor till April 1944, when he was appointed to 2/17 Bn.and qualified with distinction as a Medium Machine Gun Officer. In charge of a platoon of 2/17 Bn. in action in Borneo. In 1948 was Teacher of Tooloom.

Appreciations: "Lt.Trudgeon has been an Instructor in Signals and Guerilla Warfare. He is most capable and full of energy, also gets the best from the whole group. He should make an excellent Company Commander." Major C.O. 4/1/43. "Lieut.Trudgeon has outstanding ability,zeal, and smartness, and in meticulous in the performance of his duties." C.O.Colonel 2/17 Bn. From A.A.A. A26 - "Lt. Trudgeon has strong character, excellent judgment and tact, is self-reliant, and has marked leadership capability. He commands respect, and is popular with officers and men."

TOWSEY, Alan B.A. Dip.Ed. L.A.C. - R.A.A.F.

Born 1917 in Kent.

Educated Sydney University and T.C.

Enlisted from Modern Language Staff of Sydney Tech.High School,June 1940. "Scrubbed" from Air Crew owing to air sickness. Joined A.I.F. He was on "Queen Mary" and Queen Elizabeth" ships staff as Interpreter in German( (Honours with B.A.) and Italian on voyage to Suez and back. Promoted Sgt. at P.O.W.Hqrs.at Victoria Barracks. Promoted Lieut.and General Staff Officer, Intelligence at Tamworth and Newcastle, then Intelligence Officer at Hay P.O.W. Camp.

Transferred to Allied Translater and Interpreter Section in Oct.1944. Attended Army School of Japanese in Melbourne. Promoted Captain from July 1945, he was in New Guinea and Bougainville in charge of language units. On Bougainville after the end of the war, he was posted to Rehabilitation and Education, and had classes in Japanese, German, Spanish, Italian, and Esperanto. Received letter of appreciation from G.O.C.

Had service in R.A.A.F.,A.I.F., C.M.F., and A.I.F. of over 5 years.

1950: Modern Languages, Parkes High.

+ TRELFORD, Clarence C.W. A.A.S.C.

Born 1904. Canowindra.

Educated Orange High, Sydney T.C.

Enlisted from Wirrimbi, May 1941.

Died as P.O.W.

+ TROTTER, Hilton Ogle Signals Sgt.2/20 Bn. AI.F.

Enlisted from East Kempsey. P.O.W. at Singapore.

In May 1943 was taken to Japan. Was killed in an accident in Japan.

TROY, Ronald Sydney D.F.C. F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Citation for D.F.C.

Flight Lieutenant Ronald Sydney TROY, D.F.C.,

"This officer had as a navigator in a Pathfinder squadron completed numerous operations against the enemy in the course of which he has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty".

TRUNK, Victor Joseph P./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1920. Armidale T.C.

Enlisted Aug.1942 from Turntable Falls.

Made several sorties over Germany.

Missing K.I.A.

TRUSKETT, George Alexander. Sgt.A.A.Bty. A.I.F.

Born 1911 Albury.

Educated St.Raphaels High, Cowra, Sydney T.C.

In New Guinea from Dec.1942 to Feb.1944. Protecting ships, barges, landing places and flanks of units of A.I.F. and Americans at Milne Bay, Oro Bay, Buna, Dobodura,Morobe,Nassau Bay, Salamava and Lae.

Promoted Bombardier and Sergeant,. Was injured in Battery accident, had Dengue Fever and Malaria. He was in 30 heavy attacks by Jap.planes.

His Battery officially credited with 18 plances destroyed and 14 probably.

This Battery was the most advanced A.A.unit in New Guinea.

Recommended twice by his C.O. for inspirational service and gallantry.

1950: Murrami.

TUCKER, Walter Lee. Capt.2/9 Bn.A.I.F.

Born 1910 Woodstock.

Educated Canterbury High, Sydney T.C.

Gained high passes in Officers' School, Liverpool, in Jungle Training in Queensland. Promotions: Cpl.,Sgt.,Lieut.

Served at Madang, Lae and Bougainville. Promoted Captain.

1950: St.Peters.

TURNBULL, Fred Bligh Staff Capt.Hqrs.Melbourne.

Born 1893. In Kaiser's War with 19 Bn.

From Sept.1939 to April 1942 on Coastal Defence of Newcastle.

Promoted Captain, Adjutant and Quartermaster of Engineers Training Depot, Newcastle. Then Staff Capt.in Adj.-General's Branch in Melbourne, and then Military Secretary's Branch. (See War 1)

1950: Hm. St.Ethels.

TURNBULL, Robert John.

F/O. R.A.A.F.

Enlisted September 1939, discharged on account of leg injury.

After leg operation enlisted in R.A.A.F., after training was selected for United Kingdom and Bomber Command. Sailed from Melbourne February, 1943. Served with 460 Squadron, Lancaster Bomber - Promoted Flying Officer. Instructor in Radar at a Training Command in Wales. Posted to Food-carrying Mission to Holland, then to Tiger Force to operate against Japan.

Discharged February, 1946.

TURNER, Harry Thomas. † L.A.C.
Sgt. Wireless Airgunner,
R.A.A.F.

Born 1918.

Educated - Kempsey High.

Enlisted as Student of Armidale T.College 1942.

Trained in Canada, Took part in a "Thousand Bomber" raid over Bremen, and in about 20 others over Germany. On one occasion his plane collided with another over the North Sea, but managed to limp home.

K.I.A. on Air Raid over Germany - 27/8/1942.

Buried in Holland. A leading cricketer and footballer.

TURNELL, John Francis Stores Assistant, R.A.N.

Served 3½ years on coast of Australia and New Guinea.

1950: Ulamambri.

TURNER, Phillip Edwin P./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1917. Mullumbimby.

Educated Murwillumbah High, Armidale T.C.

Enlisted 1941.

Graduated through all steps to Sgt.Pilot in March 1942. Posted to Interceptor Fighter Squadron of Spitfires in New Guinea,Goodenough, Tobriand Group and Admiralty Is. to May.1944. Promoted W.O. and P./O. Contracted Malaria. Instructor at Laverton Ferry Flight from Aug.1944 to Sept.1945.

1950: T.in C. Carool, Tweed Heads.

Citation re D.F.C. - "F/Officer Turner has flown on a large number of operational sorties including meteorological and shipping reconnaisence convoy patrols and bomber escorts. He has taken part in many attacks over Germany and battle areas during which he has destroyed enemy's transport rolling stock and locomotives. Both in the Air and on the ground F/O.Turner has set an inspired example by his enthusiasm, cheerful confidence and meticulous care on his preparations for operational flying."

Citation re Bar to D.F.C. "He led the Squadron in a large number of ground attacks against heavily defended enemy targets. Although his aricraft was repeatedly hit by the enemy ground fire, he continued to display a fine fighting spirit."

American Air Medal and two Clusters of Oak Leaves. Korea.

TURNER, Stephen John D.F.M. P./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1921 at Rothbury.

Educated at Singleton and Maitland High, Armidale T.C.

Promoted in Australia from Air Crew Trainee to Wireless Operator and Air Gunner.

In England from August,1943 to end of the War. Stationed in Lincolnshire. Served in Lancaster Bombers in 30 raids over enemy territory, mostly against industrial cities. Promoted P./O. and awarded D.F.M. His flying hours were 488.

Citation: Flight Sgt.S.J.Turner has completed numerous operations against the enemy in the course of which he has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage, and devotion to duty."

1954: Charlestown.

TURNER, William Donald D.F.C. Flying Officer (421475)

Served as air bomber on Lancasters, took part in bombing targers in Germany and France as well as minelaying in Gironde River.

Citation: "This officer has taken part in numerous operations against the enemy, in all of which he has shown the highest skill, courage and fortitude."

TURNER, Valton Leslie D.F.C.and Bar F./Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1920 Sydney.

Educated St.J.C.,Hunter's Hill, Grafton High, Armidale T.C.

After training in Australia in 1941 was selected to go to Canada. In U.K. from Nov.1942 to end of war. Won D.F.C.

Re-enlisted from Waverley School, served in Korea with R.A.A.F. Meteor Jet Squadron. Awarded Bar to D.F.C., American Air Medal and two Clusters of Oak Leaves. In 1954 he was retained as Instructor at Uranquinty.

1950: Waverley.

TWOGOOD, Robert Alexander. Sgt.Artillery and Water Transport. A.I.F.

Born 1909, Gladesville.

Educated Gladesville, Sydney Tech.High and Teachers' College.

Served 4¼ years.

Retained as Instructor and Organizer.

1950: Rozelle J.T.S.

TYLER, Charles Corporal: 2/12 Aust.Gen. Hospital. A.I.F.

Born 1912 Warwick(2)

Educated Murwillumbah H.and Armidale T.C.

Service July,1941 to January,1946.

Overseas in Ceylon 15 months, and Borneo 8 months, also on hospital ships and in camps.

1950: Bonalbo.

UNGER, Stanley Andrew Sergeant Observer. R.A.A.F.

Born 1913.

Educated at Douglas Park College and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted 6/1/41 from Coff's Harbour.

Completed Air Training in Canada and England.

Posted to Middle East. "Your son did excellent work over the enemy's lines". Air Minister.

K.I.A. Near El Alamein, 3/7/1942.

VERE, Frank William F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1909.

Educated Bathurst High, Sydney T.C.

Promotions wereA.C.1, L.A.C., Sgt., P./O. F./O.

Service at Milne Bay, Townsville, Carisn, Moresby, Torokina, and Madang.

In Australia mainly on Meteorological duties and lecturing.

Gained high passes in Meteorological Officers' Course and R.A.A.F. Administration Special Duties Courses.

1950: Hm. Manilla.

WALKER, Edgar William. Craftsman - A.E.M.E.

B. 1911 Lismore., Secondary Education at Lismore, Chatswood and North Sydney. Sydney Teachers' College Service, in Australia, July, 1942 to December, 1945. After aptitude testing he was selected for training in radar, and sent to A.E.M.E. - Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. He was then engaged in maintenance of various radar equipments.

1950 - Oatley.

+ WALLWORK, Albert F./O. R.A.A.F

B. 1920 Ed. at Maitland High and Armidale Teachers' College. Enlisted 1941, but was held by Man Power to January, 1943. Teacher of Combarra.

Completed Air Training in Canada and England, reached England in March, 1944. Promoted through all stages with Credit to F./O. Took part in 15 raids over Germany in Lancaster Bombers. On 15/2/45, his mission was to bomb Rositz synthetic oil works, was shot down.

K.I.A. 15/2/1945.

WALLACE, Frank Leonard G. B.A. 5 Field Ambulance, A.I.F.

B. 1920. Sydney Teachers' College, University.

Served as Stretcher Carrier and First-Aid Orderly at Creta in 1941 and Walgrove, 1942. At Baulkham Hills Army Hospital in 1942-43 as Ward Assistant, until boarded out medically in 1943.

1950 Correspondence School.

WALKER-SMITH, O.E. Sergeant, L.Anti-aircraft Bty.

Enlisted at age of 19 in January, 1940 on completion of Sydney Teachers' College course (Advanced his age to 20 to be accepted).

Sailed to England, July, 1940, as a Gunner-Driver in First Australian Anti-Tank Regiment. Served in Egypt, Palestine, Greece, and Syria. Returned to Australia in April, 1942. Promoted to Seargeant and served in New Guinea campaign with Light Anti-Aircraft Unit. On medical grounds was appointed Orderly Sergeant at Enoggera Salvage Depot.

Resigned July, 1947, from Heatherdale to become a dairy-farmer.

Re-entered Department.

+ WALSH, Clyde Russell Private 2/19 Bn. A.I.F.

B. 1918. Educated at Canterbury and Murwillumbah High Schools and Armidale Teachers' College. Prefect at Murwillumbah.

Enlisted May, 1941 from Coraki. In Singapore August, 1941.

Served in Malaya. K.I.A. in Malaya, 11/2/1942.

+ WATSON, Wallace Arthur Sergeant Pilot, R.A.A.F.

B. 1922

Enlisted while a student of Armidale Teachers' College. Promoted rapidly through all stages - L.A.C., W.O., S.P. Was flying solo and "blind" flying in November, 1941 in Australia, won Wings in April, 1942 at Point Cook. Sailed via S. Africa to England, in England, November, 1942. Had charge of a Lancaster Bomber on several raids over Germany, transferred to Pathfinders (a high honour). Raided Hanover, Kessel and Berlin.

K.I.A. in raid over Berlin, 16/12/1943 when 48 of our Bombers failed to return.

+ WEBSTER, William Douglas W/O. R.A.A.F.

B. 1920.

Educated at Kempsey High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted July, 1941, from Riverstone.

Served with R.A.A.F. in Australia, England, and Middle East.

Lost 28/6/1944 in night raid over Rhodes Island.

+ WHITELAW, James Ronnie Private A.A.S.C., A.I.F.

B. 1913.

Educated at Taree High and Armidale Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Sutherland

Arrived in Malaya, January, 1941

Survived the horrors of Sandatan Camp and the Death March to Ranau.

Died as P.O.W. 26/7/45 in Ranau Camp, Borneo.

WALLIS - Eric Campewell. Sergeant R.A.E. - A.I.F.

B. 1914 at Gravesend.

Educated at Inverell High. Armidale Teachers' College, 1933-34.

Enlisted February, 1942.

In Pioneer Bn. at Dubbo, and in 27th Field Coy. in several camps, then with Headquarters Engineers of 10th. Div. In action at Milne Bay, and with "Bulldog" Unit on Lakekamu R. On construction

of Bulldog-Wau Road avonOWen Stanley Range and was in first jeep to cross this range - August, 1943. At Edie Creek for Hqrs. of roadwork. Further engineering work at Port Moresby, Dobodura, Ramu Valley and Bulolo. Complimented by C.O. on devotion to duty under most trying conditions and high efficiency, promoted Corporal and Sergeant. On return to Atherton he displayed enthusiasm and fien teaching ability for giving all his spare time to groups of poorly educated soldiers.

Several attacks of malaria.

In 1950 was Teacher of Central McDonald.

WALLSCHUTZXY, Robert Marlow Transport, 9 Div. A.I.F.

B. 1915. Broken Hill. Educated Broken Hill, Sydney Teachers' College. Enlisted July, 1940. In Middle East from December, 1940 to February, 1943. In New Guinea August, 1943 to March, 1944, in Tarakan April, 1945 to July, 1946. Transport Driver, 9 Division. Also Machine Gunner at Tobruk, on loan as Diesel Operator to Railway Construction Coy. in Syria. On transport of troops, munitions and fuel at El Alamein. Was jeep driver at Landings at Lae, Finschafen, and Tarakan. He was badly burnt by exploding petrol at Alamein. Declined promotion offered six times.

1950: Broken Hill.

WARD, Reginald John F/Sgt. Pilot, R.A.A.F.

B. 1920 at Wellington (N.S.W.)

Ed. Taree Convent, St. Joseph's (Hunter's Hill)

Trained: Armidale Teachers' College, 1940-41.

Infantry training from 1/4/41 to 1/2/42. Joined R.A.A.F. at Bradfield Park, February, 1942, then at Temora.

In Canada with R.A.A.F. from 1/11/42 to 1/4/43., then in United Kingdom to November, 1945.

Promoted Corporal in A.I.F., F/Sgt. Pilot in R.A.A.F.

1950: Repentance Creek Public School

WARD, Trevor James Ernest W.O. 2/13 Bn. AI.F.

B. 1912. Darlinghurst. Ed. Ultimo Technical College, Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted from Mt. Pritchard. Previous to enlistment was 7 years in New South Wales Scottish Regt. In Ingleburn and Bathurst Camps from March to October, 1940. Sailed in "Queen Mary" in October. In Palestine to March, 1941, then Libya. In Benghazi Battle 2/4/41. In Tobruk April to December, 1941. The Bn. took part in relief of Tobruk, December, 1941 and come out by land. (The only Bn. in Tobruk for whole of siege). In Syria January to June, 1942. In El Alamein Battle June to October, 1942. Wounded compound fractures of both arms and legs, and other wounds. In Alexandria, Craga, on hospital ship, and in Yaralla to November, 1943. Had Operations.

Recommenced teaching at Wyong, February, 1944.

1950: Headmaster Bellata.

Bn. History extract:

"A very popular and highly respected N.C.O. Although retiring in his manner, he set an inspiring example on all occasions."

WATERHOUSE, Henry Leonard, B.A. Capt. R.A.E., A.I.F.

B. 1914 - Casino. Ed. Sydney Technical High, Sydney Teachers' College.

Selected shortly after enlistment to attend Officers' Training School in Military Engineering. Promoted from Sapper to Lieut. and posted to 2/6 Field Coy. R.A.E. in August, 1942.

In Owen Stanley Campaign, in 1942, Kokoda Trail., in 1943-44 in Markham Valley, Lae and Ramu Valley Campaigns. Mentioned in Despatches for leadership and gallantry and promoted Captain.

Posted as Officer in Charge of Bridging at School of Military Engineering, Liverpool, July to December, 1945.

1950: S.S.A. Westmead.

WATERHOUSE, Earle - B.Ec. Squadron Leader, R.A.A.F.

B. 1908 at Kinchela. Ed. Kempsey High School, Sydney Teachers' College and University. Promoted speedily all grades from A.C.II. to Pilot Officer, April, 1942, Flying Officer, F./Lieut., and Squadron Leader.

Gained distinction passes in Bombing, Gunnery, Navigation, Astronomical Navigation, Radar and General Reconnaissance, appointed lecturer and Instructor in these. Appointed Mines and Torpedo Officer at North Western Area.

Overseas service at Woendi Atoll, Morotai, Philippines, Lahuan and S.W. Pacific generally. War Supervisor of Mine-laying in East Indies, and Organizer of torpedo attacks on coast of New Guinea and New Britain, supervisor of additional Mine-laying off Philippines, Formosa, Peseadores, Amoy, Swatow, Hong Kong and 34 other centres.

Mentioned in Dispatches twice, and received letter of appreciation another from Air Commodore Hewitt

Disc. August, 1945.

Appreciation 29/7/45 from U.S.N. CTG 75.15 for organising air sea rescue flight to U.S. ship struck by Japanese mine between Polawan and Borneo.

"Your prompt and effective aid resulted in 4 seriously injured men being brought to hospital timely. Your plane was first to arrive although the distance was twice that of our forces at Palawan. Please accept this expression of appreciation for a task well done."

Citation: Mention in Despatches.

Flights Lieutenant Waterhouse is the Area Mines and Torpedo officer in North-Western Area.

On 25th June, 1944 he flew in a Catalina aircraft of No. 43 squadron on a torpedo mission against an enmy vessel in Brina Harbour, Soembawa. During the attack, intense flak was encountered and the captain of the aircraft received serious wounds. Flight-Lieutenant Waterhouse took charge of the seriously wounded pilot and with great presence of mind and skill administered first aid. He injected morphia and succeeded in staunching the pilot's wounds from which he was losing a great amount of blood.

Flight Leiutenant Waterhouse revealed outstanding coolness and ingenuity in emergency and undoubtedly saved the life of the captain of the aircraft."

Citation: Mention in Despatches.

"Squadron Leader Waterhouse was posted to No 100 Squadron and completed an operational tour of navigation.

Waterhouse, Earl (Contd)

After on Mines and Torpedo Course, he was appointed Mines Officer at North-Western Area and for a period of 15 months, thereafter he was responsible for the greater part of the detailed planning of mining operations and for the briefing of aircrews.

He has shown organizing ability of a high order, and the success of operations by unit of No.76 Wing against targets in China, Sumaton,Java and the Philippini Islands and the part that the casualties were so light have been largely due to his careful planning and attention to detail.

Squadron Leader Waterhouse served with detachments in Morotoi, Leyte and Borneo and despite the many difficulties associated with operating from advanced bases, his composure remained unruffled and he never allowed his effort to slacken."

Fellow Teachers' Appreciation.

If you are really interested in getting record of really worth while achievements in the War , I suggest you probe the record of Earl Waterhouse whose record in the R.A.A.F. was outstanding. In addition to taking a very big part in the development of training in the dropping of torpedoes from aircraft, (at Nowra & Jervis Bay) in the course of which he flew hundreds of hours at night over the sea of his own volitian to help crews he had a brilliant record as 2nd in Command of the mine-laying unit at Darwin. On one occasion his skipper was wounded and Earl took over the craft and flew it back to Darwin. His skipper got a D.F.C. and Earle only a Mention but everyone knew it should have been the other way about.

(S.A.Sutherland)

WARRINGTON, Clive — Warrant Officer 1. 8th Div.Intelligence Corps.

Wounded and captured in Malaya.

Died as P.O.W.

WATERS, Harold Charles — Sgt.Infantry Instructor.

Born 1922 at Moss Vale.

Educated Bowral High, Sydney T.C.

Enlisted Dec.1941. Promoted Cpl. in May 1942 and Infantry Instructor. In Oct.1942 was promoted Sergeant. Retained in Australia.At Brisbane in Intelligence Staff in 1943-1944. Reclassed as medically unfit and discharged in August 1944.

1950: MILTON.

WATERS, James. F./Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1912 Sydney.

Educated Newcastle High, Sydney T.C.

Service with A.A.F. from June 1941 to Dec.1945, in twelve centres.

Promoted all steps AC2, L.A.C., P./O, F./O,F./Lt.

Retained as Flying Instructor.

1950: Cook's Hill Inter.

WATSON, Edward Walter, B.A. D.F.C. F./Lieut.

Born 1915 Sydney.

Educated Drummoyne, Sydney High, Sydney T.C.and University.

Enlisted April 1941. Graduated Pilot L.A.C. on Tiger Moths, then went to Canada March 1942. Promoted P./O. in Aug. F/O Feb.1943. In England and Scotland on Coastal Comman Bombers, Attacked enemy shipping on Coast of Norway and in North Atlantic. He broke ankle in football match. Throughout 1944 he took part in massed attacks - 80 aircraft - by day and night in German ships off Dutch and Norwegian Coasts. Promoted F/Lieut in Aug. Their attacks brought enemy shipping practically to a standstill. After 47 operations he was posted as Special Research Officer on rocket projectiles and guided missiles and future developments, and was recommended for D.F.C. which he received later in Australia.

His D.F. C. Citation reads:-

"Flight-Lieutenant Watson has completed very many sorties including a number of successful attacks on enemy shipping.

On one occasion he observed a force of 15 enemy vessels off the Hook of Holland and, after a message reporting the position had been transmitted, he went in to attack.

In spite of much fire from the convoy, he made three runs over the target and effectively attacked two of the vessels.

In November 1944, he participated in a successful attack on three enemy merchant vessels lying in a fiord surrounded by high hills. In this operation his leadership was brilliant and played a good part in the success achieved.

Throughout his tour this officer has displayed the highest standard of courage, skill and determination."

+ WATSON, Wallace A.

Enlisted as Student of Armidale Teachers' College.

WATT, Basil Gibson, B.A. F./Lt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1911 Alstonville.

Educated Ballina I.A.S., Lismore H. Sydney T.C. and University.

In R.A.A.F. 1941-1946.

Retained in Australia as Education Officer in N.S.W.and Victoria.

Instructor in Electrical Science, Meteorology, Theory of Flight, Navigation, and Aircraft Recognition. In 1945-46 he was O.C.R.A.A. Educational Libraries. He kept 70000 books in movement.

1953: Inspector of Schools.

WATT, Kenneth William. Warrant Officer,Tank Transport,1st Armoured Division & Small Ships Coy.

Sydney T.C. 1923.

Enlisted from Charlton, March,1942.

Served - New Guinea and New Britain waters for two years.

Suffered Malaria and serious injury to ears.

1954: Blackfriars.

WATT, David Harold. F./Lt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1918 at Coff's Harbour.

Educated at Coff's Harbour P. and High Schools.

Armidale Teachers' College - 1935-36..

Enlisted in March ,1940.

Trained as Wireless Operator at Pt. Cook and posted to Richmond,with No.3 Squadron. Sailed 15/7/40 to Egypt. At Helwan and Western Desert to Dec. Posted with R.A.F. to Siwa Oasis for first Desert Campaign. Rejoined No.3 squadron at Aquir and Lydda in Palestine and moved to Rayak for Syrian Campaign. In Western Desert again to beyong Benghazi, then at Alexandria. Transferred to Air Ambulance as Wireless Operator. Conveyed wounded from battles to hospitals through Monty enemy's great advance from Alamein to Tripoli. Returned to Australia with A.I.F. in March,1943. Completed service with Fighter Control Unit at Townsville. Promotions, A.C.I to L.A.C., then Cpl. Sgt.,P./O. F./O. and F./Lieut.

1950: Waitui.

WAUGH, John Wright. D.F.C. R./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1914 Glebe.

Educated Albury High, Sydney T.C.

On Elementary Training for 8 months in Australia, Service Training in Canada 9 months, and advanced Training in England for 11 months, operated as Pilot on Lancaster Bomber in 30 sorties from Lincolnshire over Germany, North Sea, and Occupied Europe.

Won D.F.C. and promotion to F./O.

(In Canada he was injured in a mid-air collision)

D.F.C. Citation:

Officer
Pilot Waugh has completed a very successful tour of operations. At all times he has shown a high standard of skill, fortitude and devotion to duty. His keenness to place his bombs on the target has entailed as many as four bombing runs over heavily protected targets. This Officer's coolness and courage in the face of the enemy has set an inspiring example"

WAUCHOP, Stewart Graham, Lieut. 2/1 F.Reg. and 2/9 Field Regt.

Service - 1941-1946.

Served in Middle East, including El Alamein Battle and at Taraka.

His C.O. writes:/

WLt. Wauchop served gallantly and untiringly throughout the El Alamein battle and set a great example in calmness during the heaviest enemy bombardments. He was highly exteemed by all ranks in the Regiment.

At the end of the War he was transferred to Singapore as Education Officer with the prisoners of war.

1954: Inspector of Schools.

WAUGH, William Herbert. Lieut. A.I.F.

Born 1920 at Brisbane.

Educated Fort St.

Continuous war service from Dec. 1941 to end of war. Promoted Lieut.

1950: Research Division, Education Dept.

WEAVER, Albert Munro. Sgt.

Born 1903 Redfern.

Educated Canley Vale, Parramatta High, Sydney T.C.

Enlisted July 1940. In Western Australia from Aug.1942 to the end of 1943. Attached to Flash Spotting Battery, then A.A.M.C. then Army Education. Had a year's service in Middle East as 1st Class Specialist Surveyor with Flash Spotting Bty. During last three months of service he was Adviser to Prisoners of War.

1950: Emmaville.

WEBBER, Athol Grant F./Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1924.

Enlisted as Student of Armidale Teachers' College.

Sept.1942 completed Air Training in England. Made 27 successful Lancaster Bomber raids over Germany. On his 28th - on Kiel Canal - he was K.I.A. 26/27 Aug.1945, Aged 20.

WEBSTER, William D. F./Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Armidale T.C. Gained Distinction passes in schools and became a Wireless Operator and Air Gunner. Promoted F/Sergeant in a squadron of Venturas operating in Levant.

K.I.A. on his first operational flight after bombing Rhodes Island Installations and enemy ships. It is believed that he crashed into the sea.

WELLS, Joseph Edward B/A. Capt.(Adj.and G.S.O.)
Advanced Land Hqrs.Signals.AIF.

Born 24/7/1909 at Lismore.

Educated Lismore High,Sydney University and Teachers' College.

From 1929 served as Machine Gunner with Sydney University Regt. In May, 1939, transferred to 2nd.Div.Signals, and served with Fortress Signals on outbreak of war. Commissioned June 1940, as Technical Maintenance Officer in Eastern Command, Promoted Capt Oct.1941, and selected for Staff Course at Duntroon. Served as G.S.O.(Operations and Chemical Warfare)on Hqrs.1st. Div. In Nov.1944, at Hollandia, as Adjutant and Coy.2nd.in command. In Feb.1945 led Advance Party of Signals to Morotai, and maintained communications from there to Melbourne,Hollandia, and Manilla. Appointed Adjutant Advanced Land Hqrs. Signals in June 1945, held this to Jan.1946. On discharge took a four year course in Japanese at Sydney University, and gained High Distinction. 1950: Careers' Adviser and Teacher of Japanese Fort St.High.

WEISSEL, Edward Thomas, Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1911 Cootamundra.

Educated Cootamundra, Sydney T.C.

Enlisted in A.I.F.Dec.1941. Trained in Field Artillery. Promoted Sgt. and Troop Sgt.Major at Hume Camp. Three Corporals trained by him came top in a Regimental Staff School, on which he was highly commended. From Artillery Instructor at Greta, he was transferred to R.A.A.F. School of Administration in Melbourne. He was Dux of this Course and was promoted Lieut, then Administrative Adjutant, dealing with Intelligence,Law, Postings and Training of R.A.A.F.

Service to March, 1946.

1950: Hm. Fairbridge.

WELCH, Albert William, B.A.Dip Ed. F./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1918 at Sigapore.

Primary Edn. - Scotland. Secondary-Wollongong, Sydney Uni.and T.C.

Enlisted January 1943. Trained at seven Air Centres. Ineligible for Air Crew on medical grounds. Posted A.C.1 Instrument Repairer, Commissioned as Filter Officer at Darwin Aug.1944 to Nov.1945.

Promoted F./O. at Darwin.

1950: Nowra (Secondary)

WELLS, William Keith R.A.A.F.

After the surrender of Singapore he took charge of a lugger, got the members of his Air Squadron aboard and escaped to Java, to be rescued by a ship en route to Australia. Resigned from Ed.Dept.to live in England.

WHITBURN, John Albert F./Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Educated Broken Hill, Sydney T.C.1936-7.

K.I.A. on his first sortie from England over Germany.

Enlisted from Baleveolan.

WHEALING, Alfred. F./Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1915 Cowra.

Educated Marish Bros.Kogarah and Darlinghurst, Sydney T.C. Preliminary training in Air Crew in Australia in 1942. Promoted all stops to Navigator. In 1943, in England,base Norfolk. Posted Navigator on Heavy Bomber Squadron. Flew on 40 operations over Germany and France. All promotion steps from AC2 to F./Lt.

1950: Dee Why.

WHITE, Albert Richard — Sgt.Artillery, A.I.F.

Born 1915 Broken Hill.

Educated Broken Hill, Sydney T.C.

Served in Darwin from July,1941 to Feb.1943.

In New Guinea Jan.1944 to March 1945 in Campaign from Finschafen to Hausa Bay. In New Britain from March 1945 to Dec.1945.

Promotion to Bombardier, Gunner, Sgt.

WHITE, Alfred Neville, B.A. — F./Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1913 Burwood.

Educated Lindfield, N.Sydney High, Sydney T.C.and University.

Served four years from Feb.1942. Promoted all steps to Pilot Officer in 1942. Promoted F./O. in England,May 1943. Medically grounded July 1943, Posted Navigation Instructor.

Returned to Australia May 1945. Promoted F./Lieut and Chief Ground Instructor, Officers' Training Unit, Parkes.

1950: Cessnock High.

WHITELAW, James Rennie.

Educated Sutherland I.H., Armidale T.C.

Captured by Japs in Singapore.

Died as P.O.W. 1945.

WHITEMAN, John Thomas — W./O. R.A.A.F.

Born 1916- Sydney.

Educated Marist Bro.Randwick, Sydney T.C.

Enlisted in Air Crew,April 1941. Promoted all steps to Sgt.Observer Jan. 1942. On anti submarine patrols off South East Australia on Ansons.

He had 400 hours flying and then transferred to Catalinas based on Cairsn and Darwin, on night bombing, torpedo and mine laying, Magnetic mine laying, Coral Sea patrols, and raids in Kaviang, Macarsar, Celebes,New Ireland.

Had 500 hours on these flights and then became Instructor at Bombing and Gunnery School at Nhill, as Warrant Officer.

1950: Wandandian.

WHITEBROOK, Francis Charles - M.C.

Born 1921 at Brisbane.

Educated Goulburn High, Sydney T.C. in first Diploma Course in Physical Training. Served with University Regt. in 1940-41. Promoted Cpl. and selected a Guerilla Warfare School., promoted Sgt. and Instructor at Junior Leaders' School and Officers' Training Unit. Promoted Lieut and posted to 2/24 Bn. in New Guinea. In Shaggy Ridge, Ramu Valley and Finisterre campaigns. Flew with Bn. from Dumpu to Saidor, then on R.A.N. to Madang. After returning to Atherton Tableland Sept.1944, the 2/24 Bn. sailed 27/12/1944 to Bougainville. In Buin Road campaign from April 1945 to V.P.Day.

Lt.Whitebrook was wounded in this. He received the Military Cross for New Guinea and Bougainville campaigns.

1950: Staff of Sydney Teachers' College.

WHITFORD, Jack — Pte. Radio Physics Dept. A.I.F.

Enlisted from Taree, January 1943.

Died of illness July 1943 in Randwick Military Hospital.

WHITTAKER, James Robert. — Corporal A.A.S.C.

Born 1905 at Dorrigo.

Educated Sydney Teachers' College.

Enlisted from High School, Casino. Promoted Corporal at Darwin.

Posted "Special Force" called "Gull" to invade Amboina.

Missing on Amboina.

EXTRACT FROM " THE TRIANGLE" Trinity Grammar School, Sydney.

While he was at Grafton High, I met him and though I was on the Rural School staff, he spent a great deal of time in the Manual Room there. He showed an interest in Trinity and when I "opened a door" to enable him to have his first year there, he was overjoyed.

So 1926 saw Jim as Vice-Capt.of the 2nd XV, a member of the 2nd Xl, participating in tennis and winning the prize for French at the end of the year. He passed his Leaving Certificate and gained a Teachers' College Scholarship.

Then he went "bush" and finally settled at Casino where, as well

WHITTAKER, James Robert (Contd)

as being a good teacher, he was a keen organiser in school games, and was Hon.Sec.of the Bowling Club.

From there he enlisted in the A.A.S.C., later transferring to the Special Force "Gull" - a body of 1,100 men for special duty - and that "duty" led Corporal Whittaker to Laha, Amboina.

Whether or not Trinity can claim much more than a small part of Jim's success in life, we do know that he died as we might wish any Trinitarian to do, for -

One boat load of soldiers escaped from Amboina before the enemy finally captured the island; one of the soldiers alloted a place in that boat was Corporal Jim Whittaker. But Jim never left Laha. Instead he gave up his place to a soldier who was married and had two children and the 300 men at Laha completely vanished; they were either killed when the Japanese Navy blew up that part of the island or they were mass executed.

WIGGINS, Charles Herbert — Sergeant,Anti-Aircraft Bty. A.I.F.

Born 1912,Paddington.

Educated Thornleigh, Fort St. Sydney T.C.

Throughout 1942 was trained in Artillery and Anti-Aircraft Batteries. Promoted Bombardier. In 1943 served in Anti-aircraft Bty.in N.Queensland, in 1944-45 in Arnhem Land and Darwin. Promoted Sergeant. After May 1946 he assisted in Vocational guidance Unit.

1950: Granville 2nd. Tech.

WILCOX, Frederick William — Radar Operator and Mechanic R.A.A.F.

Three years' service. Radar Operation on Coast of N.S.W. and then at Broome, W.A. Posted as Instructor at Maryborough (2) then with 42 Catalina.

1954 - Ross Hill.

WILKINSON, Gerald Sydney

Enlisted Kyogle South.

Wounded.

WILKINSON, Richard John - F/Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1911 London.

Educated in England.,(Sydney T.C.

Air Crew training throughout 1942. Posted Ground Staff Insturctor, Fighter Section 1943. Commissioned January,1944, and posted to Intelligence Duties Brisbane. From January to Nov.1945 in Philippines. Promoted F./O. Aug.1944 and F./Lt. March 1945.

1950: Hm. Ewingsdale.

WILLCOCK, Herbert Frank B.A. Lieut. R.A.N.V.R.

Born 1917.

Educated Fort St. and Grafton High, Armidale T.C., Sydney University. Appointed Instructor in Anti-Submarine School on H.M.A.S."Rushcutter" in Sept.1941. Promoted Sub-Lieut. From Nov.1942 to Oct.1943, served on H.M.A.Ships "Norman" and"Nizam" in Eastern Fleet, based in Capetown, Durban,and Mombasa. Promoted Lieut. From Jan 1944 to March 1945, served in New Guinea area as Base Anti-Submarine Officer and Liaison Anti-Submarine Officer with Americans. On his own suggestion he was given a novel job. The C.O. New Guinea Naval Base, appointed him as C.O. of H.M.A.S. "Jon Jim" the first mobile Radar Repair and Anti-Submarine Base in the R.A.N., and possibly in the R.N. He took "Jon Jim" from Milne Bay to Madang, before being promoted Flofilla Anti-Submarine C.O., operating from Biak.

For six months in 1945 he was a Staff Lieutenant on the Anti-Submarine Staff of H.M.A.S. "Rushcutter".

1950: Grafton High.

WILLIAMS, Denis Edwin, B.A. Major 2/3 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1918 in Wales.

Educated Maitland High, Armidale T.C.,New England University College. Enlisted Oct.1939. Promotions came quickly, Cpl. and Sgt.in Nov., W.O. in Dec. Sailed 10th January,1940 as Lieut. In Western Desert Campaign of 1940-41, in action at Bardia and Tobruk, promoted Captain, then in Syria In Ceylon from May to Aug.1942 and in Owen Stanley Campaign in New Guinea in October,1942. Was mentioned in Despatches for gallantry and organisatic in Owen Stanley Campaign. After further service in New Guinea he was evacuated very ill from Sanananda. He was then attached as Observer to a Military Mission to India & Burma.Promoted Major.Many Malaria attacks.

1950: Armidale High.

WILLIAMS, Harry Leslie. Lieut. 2/1 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1908. Liverpool, England.

Educated Broken Hill High. Sydney T.C.

Enlisted Oct.1939. Sailed to Middle East in January 1940. In actions in Western Desert, in Battles of Bardia and Tobruk. Invalided. Promoted all steps to Lieut. Served on Div.Signals in Syria. Diverted from Malaya in the Fall of Singapore. At Darwin on Special Intelligence duties, in liaison with American Intelligence.

1950: Hm. Cudgen.

WILLIAMS, Joseph William.

Born 1920. Cabarita.

Educated Bathurst and North Sydney High Schools, Sydney T.C.

Enlisted Dunedoo. P.O.W. at Singapore 15/2/42. Spent 13 months on Burma Railway. Suffered many ailments. Did splendid work as a primary Teacher among fellow prisoners. "Old doors were used as blackboards and paper came from anywhere."

1950: Lawson.

WILLIAMS, Kelvin Douglas, B.A. Radar Operator. R.A.A.F.

Born 1920.

Educated Taree, Lithgow,Sydney Teachers' College and University.

Served as Telegraphist and with Radar at Badu Is.1944 and Madang,1945.

Suffered Dengue and Malaria.

1951: Ryde.

WILLOUGHBY, Clarence Morgan.B.Ec. Sgt. A.A.Bty. A.I.F.

Born 1921 Weston.

Educated Victoria, Albury High,Sydney T.C.and University.

Over 4 years in A.I.F. Speedy promotion to Sgt.Instructor in Anti-Aircraft Bty.Cowra.Camp. Resigned rank to sail to New Guinea., promoted Gunlayer. Took part in Landings at Lae and Finschhafen and the Advance along the Coast. On unit's return to Australia he married "My best Wartime Activity." Sailed again in May 1945 to North Borneo, in action at Balikpapan. Promoted Sgt. and posted to Philippines to receive and re-educate men who had been Prisoners of War.

WILSON, John. F./Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1910 Glasgow .

Educated Edinburgh. Sydney T.C. After training at Bradfield Park, Parkes and Port Pirie he graduated Wireless Gunner Pilot Officer. Became Gunnery Leader,. Served from Northern Territory, on patrols, convoying, and raids on Jap.positions in Timor and other Islands. He made 44 of these sorties and had 675 operational Flying Hours.

Promotions: All stages to F./Lt.

1953: Hm. Dareton.

WILSON, Sidney George. Warrant Officer.

Served in New Guinea and N.E.I., awarded MID.

Citation:

"Whilst serving with No.80 (Fighter) Squadron Flight Sergeant Wilson, Wireless Operator Mechanic has displayed loyalty and devotion of the highest order. His technical skill and untiring efforts have been largely responsible for the efficient communication system of the squadron and for the high standard of maintenance of the aircraft radio equipment.

WILTHEW, Reginald K. Major

Was in charge of Sydney High School Cadets. Did much in Training Officers and N.C.O's for other units when the Department decided to form Cadet Units in all Secondary Schools.

WINLEY, William James Marcus. Sgt.Infantry, A.I.F.

Born 1911 Kiama.

Educated Gerringong, Wollongong H. Sydney T.C.

Overseas service in New Guinea, June 1942 to August 1944, in Bougainville from Nov 1944 to December 1945. From end of war to discharge he was Unit Education N.C.O.

1950: Pleasant Hills.

WINWARD, Jack — Sgt.Electrical Instrument Maker. R.A.A.F.

Born 1917 Mascot,

Educated Gardener's Road Ultimo, Tech.Sydney,Tech High.Sydney T.C.

Enlisted in R.A.A.F. in January 1941. Instrument Maker till Nov.1941. L.A.C.Brisbane and Launceston to June 1942. Promoted Cpl. in charge of Instrument Section Nov.1942 and posted to Darwin. At Darwin in charge of Instruments to June 1944. Promoted Sgt. and trained as Electrical Instrument Maker and placed in charge of section of Aircraft Depot to June 1947.

1950: Mullumbimby.

WOOD, Albert Edward Walmsley B.Ec. — F./Lt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1912 Brooklyn.

Educated Gosford and North Sydney High Schools, Sydney T.C.and University.

Served for three years with R.A.A.F. from Jan.1942, in Education Services.

Enlisted in Air Crew. Medically unable to take practical flying.

1950: Lismore High.

WOOD, Alfred Cameron B.A. — Staff-Capt.6 Div. A.I.F.

Born 1905. East Maitland.

Educated Maitland Sydney University and T.C.

Enlisted June 1940 in 1/17 Bn. Promoted Cpl. in Oct, and Sgt. in January 1941. In April was promoted Lieut. and Intelligence Officer, 2/4 Pioneer Bn. At Darwin from July 1941. Sailed in convoy for Timor, attacked and returned to Darwin. Promoted Capt. and Adjutant of Bn. Returned to N.S.W. in March 1943. Served as Div.Staff Capt.during Aitape - Wewak Campaigns. Contracted Malaria.

1954: Hm. Tumut.

WOOD, Leonard Bronte. — Stretcher Bearer, Field Ambulance. A.I.F.

Educated Sydney Tech.High and T.C.

Enlisted while Woodwork Teacher at Gunnedah.

K.I.A. Malaya, 1942.

He showed great promise as an Artist and Musician.

WOODS, Innes. Gunner 2/6 Heavy A.A.Bty. and 2/3 A.A.Regt. A.I.F.

Served at Milne Bay, Lae, North New Guinea, Morotai, Labuan and North Borneo from Nov.1942 to end of war.

Was complimented by G.O.C.for outstanding work as Radar Mechanic and Operator. 4¼ years service.

1954: Moonan Flat.

WOODWARD, Edgar Elliott B.A. Cpl.Malaria Control,A.I.F.

Born 1916 Grafton.

Educated Secondary at Newcastle,Maitland,Sydney and Hurlstone, Armidale T.C.,Sydney University.

Served in Infantry, Artillery and Malaria Control Units. Was Cpl. Instructor in Infantry throughout 1941., Bombardier in Anti-Aircraft B Battery, and Cpl. in A.A.M.C. He"chased mosquitoes through jungles,swamps, and kunai fields of New Guinea - Lae and Nadzab areas" In hospital with crushed foot for two months.

1950: Teacher of Agriculture,Albury High.

WOOLFORD, Ronald Arthur B.A. Staff Sergeant,9 Div.A.A.S.C. A.I.F.

Born 1912 Moree.

Educated Nowra,Grafton H. Orange H.Armidale T.C.,Sydney University. After service in Militia he joined A.I.F.in July 1940, embarked with 9 Div.A.A.S.C. in December. Served in Middle East, in Tobruk three months, Syria six months, and in El Alamein Battle. In hospital from Tobruk with desert fever. After return to Australia he served at Lae, Finschafen, Satelbera Range and other places in New Guinea. Promoted twice in the Field. Suffered Tropical service ailments.

1950: Crows Nest Secondary Tech.

WORBOYS, Oswald Edward B.A. F./Lieut. R.A.A.F.

Born 1909. Ballina.

Educated Ballina, Lismore High, Armidale T.C.,New England Uni. College. In 1942-43 he passed high as Observer,Air Gunner,Navigator, and in General Reconnaissance. Promotions all steps. In Sept.and Oct.1943, he was Pilot in a squadron on Convoy duties off Queensland Coast. Throughout 1944 his reconnaissance squadron was stationed near Darwin and patrolled Jap occupied Islands between New Guinea and Timor, bombed enemy frequently --

WORBOYS, Oswald Edward.B.A. (Contd)

and convoyed our ships between Cape York and Westralia. There were four N.S.W.Teachers' F/O's in this squadron. Was Navigator of plane that took General Northcott to New Guinea, New Britain and Solomon Is. Promoted F./Lt. Posted Navigation Instructor at Tocumwal.

1950: Hm. Quirindi.

WORTHINGTON, Robert Norman, M.A. Sgt. Hqrs.Psychological Unit.

Born 1914 Mascot.

Educated Bowral High, Sydney T.C.and University.

After training in Infantry, he as Gunner was posted to Army Psychological Testing Unit as Sergeant. Served in several testing units in N.S.W. and Victoria. Dealth with allocation to units, men in detention, selection of officers and candidates for Duntroon, vocational quidance and re-habilitation of prisoners of war. Completed his service as G.C. Psychological Service at Hqrs. Melbourne, in construction of new tests for peace-time army.

1950: Newcastle Tech.High.

WRIGHT, Alfred Henry. Sgt. 2/17 Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1908 Macksville.

Educated Macksville, Private Study, Sydney T.C.

Physical Training and Infantry Instructor from Feb.to Aug.1942. In Middle East to March 1943. Transferred on medical grounds to Hqrs. Finance Office on return to Australia.

1950: Murrumburrah.

WYNDHAM Harold Dr.(D.Ed.M.A.) F./Lt.R.A.A.F.

From "The Bulletin" 10/12/1952.

A quietly-spoken, though intense, short man with the practised lecturer's incisiveness in his voice. Dr.Harold Wyndham was to have taken over the N.S.W.Director-Generalship of Education next month. The death of John Gordon McKenzie altered the timetable. The new man just missed, by a year, being taught by McKenzie at Fort Street; went on to Sydney University; entered his present department in 1925; taught teachers to teach for a while; then, on a Carnegie Travel Grant, crossed to California, to gain a

WYNDHAM Dr.Harold. (Contd.)

Doctorate of Education and plenty of novel ideas on the score of helping nippers with post-school careers. Many demobilised R.A.A.F. men will remember the "wingless wonder" (as the D.G.calls himself with his sudden grin) who set them up in civil life again. He was then flight-lieutenant in the R.A.A.F's rehabilitation section. In 1945 Wyndham was to have attended the inaugural meeting of Unesco in London, alternative leader with Doctor Evatt. The Doc. was held up with the Bretton Woods talks, so Wyndham led the Australian delegation. Belting tennis-balls is his out-of-school relaxation.

YABSLEY, Erle Stewart — Corporal - R.A.A.F.

Born 1908 at Wardell.

Educated Lismore H., Sydney T.C.

Enlisted in Air Crew, June,1940, rejected by eye defect, posted to Ground Staff and trained in electricity and radio. Posted to Darwin on maintenance of transmitters and radar equipment, two years later posted to Evans Head on similar work.

1950: Tumut.

YARDY, Richard S. — Gunner and Sapper, Heavy A.A.Bty.& Forestry Coy. A.I.F.

Served from January 1943 to May 1946 in Heavy A.A. Batteries at Townsville and Magnetic Island, then in Forestry Coy.R.A. Engineers as Axeman and Sapper, at Lae and Yalu River in New Guinea. At end of war he was in charge of his Unit's Education Scheme in New Guinea

1950: Emmaville.

YATES, Albert Innes, B.Ec. — Captain.2/20.Bn. A.I.F.

Born 1913. Glen Innes.

Educated Glen Innes Pry.and H. Armidale T.C.

Enlisted Randwick I.H.S.

In Malaya Feb.1941 to Feb.1942. Promoted Capt.January 1942. In action from Jap landing to Fall of Singapore. P.O.W. Sent to Japan, there three years.

1950: Commercial Master, Inverell.

+ YOUNG Leonard Roy

Enlisted as a Student of Armidale Teachers' College.

K.I.A.

YOUNG, George Henry — Joiner "A"-Petty Officer, R.A.N.

Born 1920 Sydney.

Educated Undercliffe, Tempe.

Enlisted aged 19, on H.M.A.S."Penguin"

Served on H.M.A.S."Kanimbla" and "Westralia" from Oct.1939 to Feb.1944.

Promotions Joiner "A" Leading Hand and Petty Officer. Served in Indian and South West Pacific Oceans and in Burma.

Repair Staff.

+ YOUNG, Leonard Roy — F./Sgt. R.A.A.F.

Born 1922.

Enlisted 1942 while a student at Armidale T.C. Was Gunner in Artillery. Transferred to R.A.A.F. Trained in Australia and England. Promoted all steps. Served in India, Lybia and Italy.

K.I.A. in operation over Hungary Nov.1944 (His father and two brothers were on active service).

YOUNG, Walter Carr. — 2/2 Pioneers, A.I.F.

Born 1915 in Northumberland (England)

Educated at Abermain and Cessnock High.

Trained at Armidale Teachers' College. 1935-36.

Before enlistment was Honorary Instructor to Air Training Cadet Corps at Muswellbrook. Tried to join R.A.A.F. in 1941, but was medically deferred.

Enlisted in A.I.F.

In 1943 at Warwick, selected for Intelligence School, and then for Jungle Training at Canungra. On Intelligence Service at Atherton and Cairns to March 1945. Overseas to Morotai on Beach Group Landing Hqrs., then selected for planning Group for future landings. From Tarakan invalided to hospital.

1950: At The Junction, Newcastle.

DRURY, Winifred Frances (Miss)

Enlisted as Private in January 1942 in A.W.A.S.

Promoted Sergeant and Lieutenant in two months. Captain in February 1944. Adjutant A.W.A.S. Training School Killara, O.C.Troops, Red Cross Home Bowral. Quartenmaster 2nd.Aust.A.W.A.S. Training Bn., O.C. 64 and 27 A.W.A.S.Barracks; C.O. 1 Aust.A.W.S. Composite Unit, Brisbane - a big job comprising recruiting, N.C.O.training, Transit, Staging, outfitting, discharging, and general administration.

1950: Canterbury Home Science.

LEE, Marian M.

Born Armadale, Victoria.

Educated Fort St.High, Business College ,Sydney T.C.

On outbreak of War she joined the Women's Emergency Signalling Corps at Casino., became an Instructor in Morse and Wireless. Joined W.A.A.A.F. as on Aircraftwoman in June,1941. On completing a course at Marconi School of Wireless in Melbourne she was promoted Corporal in charge of the Marconi Flight, then Wireless Operator at Laverton. Attended Officers' training Course at Melbourne University and received Commission as Cypher Officer, June 1942. Was Cypher officer at Bankstown, Wagga and Parkes. Posted to Sydney as Cypher Officer to R.A. A.F. Transportation and Movements Office.

In 1944, after hospital treatment, was posted to Perth as Hqrs.Cypher Officer, then to Kalgoorlie as Adjutant of the Elementary Flying Training School. Was Adjutant of R.A.A.F.Section of Perth Military Hospital, then Cypher Officer and O.C. W.A.A.A.Fs at a Radar Centre near Albany. Posted to Richmond as Cypher Officer and Relieving Adjutant, then to Brisbane Tele-communications Unit. Completed service at Eastern Command Hqrs., Sydney in Feb.1946.

Received a Letter of Appreciation from R.A.A.F.Hqrs.

LEE, NANCY.

Educated Fort St.High Sydney T.C.

Served in Army from March 1942 to July 1946, with rank of Corporal as a high-grade Cipher Operator in Corps of Signals. Served at Ingleburn, Victoria Barracks,Muswellbrook, Fort Scratchley, Boronia Park,Melbourne, and Liverpool. Most of her service was shift work in mixed camps in tents.

1950: Mistress, Bondi.

LLEWELLYN, Dorothy Madeline B.Sc. B.EC. Dip.Ed.

Staff Captain A.W.A.S. and Adjutant-General's Staff.

Born Arncliffe.

Educated North Sydney High, Sydney University and Teachers' College.

1939: Gained top place in A.R.P. exam. (Air Raids Precautions) at Gosford.

1940 High pass in driving and servicing heavy vehicles. Served voluntarily in night classes in training W.A.A.A.F. in Morse Code, Map Reading, and Signals.

Aug.1942. Requested by Hqrs. to enlist in A.W.A.S. Rapid promotions, Cpl., Sgt.Lieut, Staff Officer,Captain. In Nov.1942 in command A.W.A.S. Training Coy. in Dec. in Newcastle A.A.Defence Units to administer personnel. In May 1943 was the sole woman officer on Staff of Director Military Training, Melbourne. Concerned with organization and curricula throughout Australia. May 1944 appointed Staff Captain on Adj: General's Staff, Melbourne, Organized units of Intelligence, Surveying,Military Prisons, War Graves, and administered personnel of these Services.

1950: Fort St.G.High.

MELVILLE, Margaret

Enlisted W.A.A.F. 9th March 1944. Aircraft-woman.

Promoted 2nd July 1944 - Corporal (Drill Instructor)promoted 1st Nov.1944. Ass. Section Officer.

(1) Granted commission in Physical Education. W.A.A.F. P.& F.T.Queensland and N.S.W.

(2) Transferred to Training - Penrith N.S.W. Ass.Recruit. Training Officer o/i/c Recruit Training N.S.W.

Promoted.

Section Officer - June 1945 o/i/c/ N.C.O.Training N.S.W. Senior training Officer, N.S.W.

(3) Transferred to Radar. o/i/c. W.A.A.A.F. 207 Radar Station, Swansea. Assumed Command Group 427, N.S.W. Commanding Officer (207 Radar Station, Swansea(Maintenance Unit, Gosford.

Youngest Officer in the W.A.A.A.F.

Discharged. April, 1946.

1950: Lecturer in Physical Education - Newcastle Teachers' College.

ROGERS, Enid Ethel. Captain, A.W.A.S.

Born Waverley.

Educated Sydney and Hornsby High Schools, Sydney T.C.

Enlisted in A.W.A.S. April 1942. Promoted Cpl. in May, Sgt. in June, Assistant Coy.Cammander in Sept., and Staff Officer in January 1943. Promoted Lieut.Aug.1942. Jan to Sept.1943 was O.C. No.3 Coy. A.W.S. Training Bn., Ingleburn. Sept.,Nov. 1943 was O.C. 7th A.W.S., Training Coy. in Tasmania. Nov. to January 1944 was Chief Instructor at N.C.O. School Killara. In April 1944, qualified as Instructor at Junior Staff School, Brisbane, then was Instructor in Officers' School in Melbourne. From March to Nov. 1945 was O.D. A.W.A.S. Wing of Hqrs.Ordnance School, Broadmeadows, Promoted Capt. July 1945.

From Nov.1945 to end of service, Oct.1946 was Rehabilitation Officer, Women's Services in Sydney.

SEAVERS, Bernice. (Became Mrs. Wardle in 1943)

Born Summer Hill.

Educated Summer Hill, Sydney High, Sydney T.C.

Served in R.A.A.F. from May 1941 to Feb.1943, as Aircraft-woman Telegraphist Assistant Section Officer with Commission, Cypher Officer on Special Duties in Signals Security, Hqrs. Melbourne. Was also Telegraphist in Wireless Station, Melbourne and at Laverton R.A.A.F. Station.

SEAVERS, Myra.

Born in Bradford, England.

Educated Petersham I.H.S., St.George, Sydney T.C.

Enlisted in June 1941 as Aircraftwoman Telegraphist.

August 1941 Commission awarded Assistant Section Officer.
Nov. 1941 Premoted Section Officer.
June 1942 Promoted Flight Officer.
July 1944 Promoted Squadron Officer.

Was responsible for Training of recruits, N.C.O's, and officers. Had two Commands:- No.2 W.A.A.A.F. Training Depot at Robertson,1942-43, and No.1 W.A.A.A.F. Training Depot Melbourne 1944-45. War Staff Officer, W.A.A.A.F. at Forward Echelon, Brisbane, 1945-46.

1950: Mistress, Blacktown Infants.

SMITH, Vera May Spurgin

Was School Nurse when she enlisted in Australian Army Nursing Services, June 1941. Appointed Assistant to Principal Matron, Victoria Barracks. Was twice recalled from hospitals to carry on important administrative duties at Headquarters.

1942 Appointed to Hospital Ship, "Manunda."

1943 Appointed to 102 A.G.H., Tamworth, O.C.Women's Convalescent Home, Leura, then to Blood Bank, Sydney Hospital. Then served at Lae, for six months was O.C.Women's Rest Home. Salamaua.

Discharged and rejoined Education Dept. Feb. 1946.

WATT, Muriel Hope, B.A. Section Officer W.A.A.A.F.

Served as Nursing Orderly until commissioned when she was O.C. Air Woman in Queensland and N.S.Wales until discharge Nov. 1946.

1953: Wentworthville Infants.

# ROLL OF HONOUR

## SECOND WORLD WAR

ROLL OF HONOUR.

THE SUPREME SACRIFICE.

ABBOTT - ROY EDGAR

AVERN - )GEOFFREY LENNOX

BAILEY -LESTER MAXWELL

BANNISTER -RUPERT

BARNIER - JOHN [redacted]

BAYLISS - WILLIAM

BLICK - CLAUDE

BOND - JOHN NORMAN

BOYD -ROY VINCENT

BRAID -ERIC WILLIAM

BREYLEY -ALEXANDER JOHN

BRENNAN -WILLIAM

BROWNING - ROBERT

BRYDE - GEOFFREY

BUNNETT - FRANK

BURLING - ROBERT

BUSH -GEORGE

CAHILL -JOHN JOSEPH

~~CAMERON~~ - JAMES WILLIAM CAMERON

CARLSON -ERIC FERDINAND

CHALMER - EDWARD

CHICK - LAURENCE

CLARKE -ARTHUR HENRY

CLARKE -GEORGE

CLARKE -KENNETH

CLEARY - LEO

CLEMO -WILLIAM LINDSAY

CLIFFORD -MICHAEL

COLEMAN -BERNARD

COLMAN - SAMUEL

CONNOLLY -DARRELL

CONNORS -LESLIE

COOMBE -HERBERT KEITH

COOPER -WILLIAM JOHN

COOK -GEORGE
COOK - WILLIAM
CORKHILL -CHARLES

CRAWFORD - BYRON DONALD

CRITTENDEN -KENNETH

CROWTHER - ALISTER

DARKEN -RAYMOND

DAVIS - JAMES NEVILLE

DODDS -JOHN - D.F.C.

[redacted]

DONOHUE - JAMES THOMAS
DUDLEY - REGINALD
DUFF -JAMES

DUNNETT - MATTHEW

EDWARDS -ALLAN DOUGLAS

ENGLISH - JAMES D.F.C.

EVANS - GEORGE

FINCH - RONALD

FOLBIGG - RICHARD ERNEST

FRANCIS - EDMUND VICTOR

FRANKLIN - FRANK GORDON

FURNESS -RONALD (Public Library)

GAHA -FRANCIS CLIVE

GIBSON - DONALD MURRAY

GILLIELAND - JAMES

GOLLAN - JOHN

GOODWIN - ARTHUR GORDON -D.F.C.

GORDON - JOHN IRVINE - D.F.C.

GORE -JOHN

GRANT - THEOPHILUS

GREENSTREET - ARTHUR

HALL - EDWIN WILLIAM

HALPIN - JOHN

HANSCOMBE - DONALD

HANSFORD -

HARRISON - THOMAS

HEINS - ALFRED

HIDER - ROBERT HENRY

HOCKEY - CORDON

HOGAN - PHILLIP WILLIAM
HURST -}- NORMAN GEORGE
HUTCHINGS - KELVIN

IVERS -- OLIVER HENRY

JARRETT - WARREN

JONES - COLIN CORNWALL

JONES - RUSSELL

JONES -WINSTON TREVOR

KAY - THOMAS

KENEALLY - JACK

KILLEEN - - KENNETH

LANCASTER - ERIC EDWARD

LANCASTER ----JOHN
LANCE —— REGINALD JOHN
LAWTON ---CLARENCE WILLIAM

LENNON -- JAMES JOSEPH

LENNOX ---- JOHN PATRICK

LEVICK ---- STUART

LINDSAY - - KENNETH WILLIAM

LONG - - ARTHUR

LONG - - NORMAN JOHN

McCLINTOCK -a-- LEOPOLD GUY

Mac DONALD - - COLIN

MacDONALD -- -JOHN D. (Jack).

McEWEN - - - EDWIN

McEWEN - - -JAMES HICKS

McFARLANE - - ROY

McINNES - - IAN

McINTYRE - - COLIN ROBERT

McINTYRE - - JAMES SINCLAIR

McMONAGLE - - LANCE RAYMOND

McSKIMMING - - SYDNEY GORDON

MADDEN - - JOHN FRANCIS

MANNERS - - SETH TILSTONE

MARSH - - WALTER ERNEST

MASTERS - - ROBERT LOUIS

MAUGHAN - - FRANCIS

MIROW - - RONALD JOSEPH

MONAGHAN - - FRANCIS

MORGAN - - WILLIAM

MOSES - - GEORGE

MUNDAY - - NEVILLE

MURPHY - - JOHN ARMSTRONG

MURRAY - - WILLIAM HENRY

NAGLE - - ATHOL GERVASE

NICHOLSON - - ALLAN

NORTHMORE - - DARIUS BEDE

O'CONNELL - - FRANCIS EMANUEL

O'HARA - - MICHAEL THOMAS

O'NEILL - - FRANCIS ROY

O'SULLIVAN - - - JOHN GREGORY

PAINE - - ROBERT EDWARD

PAYNE - - FRANCIS JOSEPH

PEEDOM - - CHARLES

PETTIFORD - - KEITH

PICKUP - - - LARENCE

PIKE - - - FREDERICK GEORGE

PRITCHARD - - -JACK

PROUDFOOT - - - SAMUEL GEORGE

RACKHAM - - - JOHN

RAFTERY - - - BRIAN AUGUSTINE

REES - - - FRANK

RICE - - - FRANK (two wars).

RITCHIE - - JOHN Maclean

ROACHE - - JAMES G.A.

ROBERTS - - HECTOR W.

ROBERTS - - JOHN H.

RODGERS - - - CECIL ARTHUR

ROXBY - - - ALBERT

RYAN - - - FREDERICK JOSEPH

SAINT-SMITH - - - JAMES ALEXANDER -D.F.C.,D.F.M.

SALMOND - - - WILLIAM CLIVE

SATTLER - - GEOFFREY

SHERIDAN - - ALBERT HENRY

SHERIDAN - - - JOHN EDWARD

SHORT - - JOSEPH H.

SHORTALL - - JAMES E.

SIMPSON - - KEITH ARNOLD

SIMPSON - - STANLEY OLIVER

SINDEN - - - GEORGE FREDERICK

SMITH - - - BENJAMIN H.

SMITH - - - CHARLES KEIGHTLY

SMITH - - COLIN HUGH

STEINBECK - - WILLIAM JOHN

STEPHENS - - WILLIAM ARTHUR (Mick).

[redacted] - -

SUTHERLAND - - WILLIAM

TASKER - - DAVID HENRY

TOMKYNS - - - ERIC ALEXANDER

TOOMEY - - LEO

TRELFORD - - CLARENCE

TROTTER - - HILTON OCLE

TRUNK - - VICTOR JOSEPH

TURNER - - HENRY

UNGER - - STANLEY

WALLWORK - ALBERT

WALSH - - - CLYDE RUSSELL

WARRINGTON - - CLIVE BARRIE

WATSON - - WALLACE ARTHUR

WEBBER - - ATHOL GRANT

WEBSTER -)----)- WILLIAM DOUGLAS

WHATSON - - - KENNETH

WHITBURN - - JOHN ALBERT

WHITE - - JOHN PATERSON

WHITELAW - - JAMES RENNIE

WHITFORD - - JACK

WHITTAKER - - JAMES ROBERT

WOOD - - LEONARD BRONTE

YOUNG - - - LEONARD ROY

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# Chapter 15

# Second World War Awards.

Two Teachers who won awards and high commendation desired their names to be omitted from this Honours List

Author acceded to their request

Chapter 15

# SECOND WORLD WAR AWARDS

ADA Bruce Laird — M.B.E

BADHAM, Colin — D.F.C.

BAILEY — Eric A. — M.I.D.

BARNETT, Eric John Clarence — D.F.M.

BURNS, William James — D.F.C.

CASSIDY, Albert William M. — D.F.M.

COX Cecil James — D.F.C.

† DODDS, John Reginald — D.F.C.

DOUGHERTY, Evan Noel — C.B.E, D.S.O. and Bar, E.D., M.I.D. three times.

† ENGLISH, James — D.F.C.

FRIEND, Ronald Frederick D.F.C.,

† GOODWIN, Arthur Gordon D.F.C.

† GORDON John Irvine D.F.C.

GRAY George Andrew — D.F.C.

GREENAWAY, Alwyn Lawrence — D.F.C.

HANSEN Leslie James M.I.D.

HOPMAN Richard — Croix de Guerre

KELLEHER, William Raymond – D.F.C.

McINTOSH, Lawrence – D.F.C.

MADSEN, [redacted] – D.F.C.
Frederick George

MARTIN, Anthony Joffre – D.F.C.

MECKIFF, Charles Gordon – M.I.D.

MILLER – Trevor William George – D.F.C.

MOORE, Milton – D.F.C.

O'BRIEN, Charles Brian – E.D. and Bar, M.I.D.

PETERS, Gordon – D.F.C.

†SAINT-SMITH, James Alexander – D.F.C., D.F.M.

SELLORS, Trevlyn Pembroke – p.s.c. in 1942.

SPENCE, Colin John – D.C.M.

STEWART, Ronald Veness – M.I.D.

THOMSON, Ronald – D.F.C.

TROY, Ronald Sydney – D.F.C.

TURNER, Stephen John – D.F.M.

TURNER, Valton Leslie – D.F.C. and Bar.
American Air Medal and Two Clusters of Oak Leaves.

WATERHOUSE, Earle M.I.D. twice.
American Navy Appreciation,
American Air Force Appreciation,

WATSON, Edward Walter — D.F.C.,

WAUGH, John Wright — D.F.C.,

WHITEBROOK, Francis Charles — M.C.

WILLIAMS, Denis Edwin — M.I.D.

WILSON, Francis — D.C.M.

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## HEAD OFFICE

STUTTER, allan G. — D.F.C.,

TURNER, William D. — D.F.C.,

WILSON, Sidney G. — M.I.D.

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N.S.W. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Record of War Services.

Chapter 16.

A Speedy Response.

Speedy Response.

A SPEEDY Response.

The writer spend two days at Wagga A.I.F. Camp early in the war. After each meal the men washed up all their eating utensils - large plates, cutlery, mug, etc. and placed them neatly near his camp "possie", along with his jam, sauce, lollies cake etc. Flies and dust made it necessary to wash the utensils again before the next meal. Colonel H. Ford - Headmaster of Darlington - the C.O. of this camp, suggested that "Cutlery Bags," big enough to hold cutlery, plates, mug, and a few other items would be helpful. The position was mentioned to the Mistresses of Girls' Schools in the Rozelle District. Four days later Col. Ford received 111 from Woolwich and 17 from Balmain. Within a fortnight he had received 1200 cutlery bags made of strong unbleached calico, each sixteen inches square, with running tapes, to hold and close securely the utensils and extras. The report of the value of these bags spread to Tamworth, Dubbo, and other camps, and requests arrived for them. They were reported even from Tobruk as wonderful; they kept the dust and flies from the utensils and the "unused portion of the day's rations." Mrs. Martha Macadam, of Blaxcell Street School, inspiringly organized a band of mothers and senior girls and sent direct to units fighting in deserts or jungles 314 of these bags. Col. Ford wrote: "These bags were the most useful gift anyone could give us." A teacher in Rozelle District received a letter of appreciation in regard to these bags from a soldier on a Tobruk outpost. He stated that, next to these "Cutlery Bags" handkerchiefs would be valued - "With perspiration and everlasting dirty dust we are like mud men. We cannot get water to wash handkerchiefs, so any old material that we can discard after a few days would be "goods"." The word went through the District to Mistresses of Girls' Schools and to Riverside Home Science School. It was decided, for packing purposes, to make handkerchiefs of uniform size - 16 inches square. Postal regulations limited the weight of parcels to eleven pounds, which meants about 100 to 120 handkerchiefs, accord-

ing to the material, which was of all sorts and colours. Sewing machines at school and homes worked speedily, and, within two days, four parcels were in the post; within a fortnight, forty. All were addressed to a Commanding Officer in Tobruk.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

PUBLIC SCHOOLS'

WAR SERVICE AUXILIARY.

CHAPTER: 17

Presentation of cheque for £3,000 by a pupil of Home Science School, Willoughby, to Lady Jordan, at the British Centre for the Red Cross 1945.

Presentation at Federation House, 1944, of cheque for £2,000 for the relief of Children of China by a pupil of Coogee Girls' School.

Presentation of cheque for £2,000 by a pupil of Boys' School Daceyville, for the Relief of Children of India at Federation House, 1944.

Received by the Hon. Robert J. Heffron M.L.A., Minister for Education.

Department of Education,
SYDNEY,
11th September, 1939.

VERY URGENT.

TO THE HEAD TEACHERS OF SCHOOLS.

WAR SERVICE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Dear Sir or Madam,

As it is not at all unlikely in this time of crisis that there will be grave need of our help overseas, there is every reason to initiate an organisation which will set in motion activities in the schools designed to be of material national value.

To this end and under the patronage and authority of the Honourable D.H. Drummond, Minister for Education, the Director of Education and the Administrative staff, an organisation has been formed to which has been given the name "The Public Schools War Service Auxiliary."

The definite forms which the activities of this organisation will take in the schools are to be decided at a meeting of Principals, Headmistresses of Schools, Inspectors and Administrative officers, which is to be held at Head Office at 3-30 p.m. in the Assembly Room on Tuesday, 19th September. This meeting will be addressed by Hon. D.H. Drummond, M.L.A., Minister for Education.

You are invited to give this matter your earnest consideration and to bring to the meeting any suggestions which will further the aims of the organisation. The immediate purpose of this organisation is that the schools should take a lead and give an impetus in this national service.

Yours faithfully,

G.R. THOMAS,
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAR SERVICE AUXILIARY.

# WAR EFFORTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

AUSTRALIA'S manhood is once again called to the defence of the Empire against the same evil forces as our gallant Anzacs met in 1914-18. This time the fight is to prevent the destruction of civilization, indescribable cruelty to men, wonem and children, a spurning of moral sanctions, and, in short, the enslavement of hitherto free peoples. Already a 2nd A.I.F. is abroad and a wave of recruiting enthusiam has swept the country.

We at home must throw our weight behind these men, equally determined to destroy a ruthless, powerful, well-organized and dangerous foe.

Our Public Schools' War Service Auxiliary has been launched and the response has been good. The time has arrived when these efforts must be doubled and redoubled. In the June number of the Education Gazette an appeal is made for the purchase of War Bonds and War Savings Certificates.

I urge you to invest all you can in this direction and to persuade others, old and young alike, to join you in these efforts.

During the last war, the schools of this State raised large sums of money, besides supplying great stores of comforts for soldiers and their dependants. They can, and will, do this again with a greater will to meet a greater need. Let us prove that the spirit of loyalty, self-sacrifice and devotion to duty is stronger than ever in our schools. As a united body let us resolve to work for victory and with it a world in which the light of every soul burns brightly upwards.

J.G. McKENZIE,
Acting Director of Education.

1st July, 1940.

# N.S.W. PUBLIC SCHOOLS' WAR SERVICE AUXILIARY, 1940.

The Auxiliary Committee met on 21st June, 1940 under the patronage of Hon. D. H. Drummond, M.L.A., Minister for Education, who addressed the Committee.

The following Executive Committee was elected:-

Chairman: Mr. J. G. McKenzie.

Deputy-Chairman: Mr. B. C. Harkness.

MEMBERS: Misses M. Farr, I. Inwood, Z. Bocking, M. Proctor, L. Woodcock; Messrs. J. Moore, A. McGuinness and E. Clarke.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. C. G. Johnston.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. S. Lynch.

The following sub-committees have been appointed:-

War Savings Certificates: Miss M. Farr, Messrs. H. Moore, A. McGuiness, M. Mackinnon and L. Walsh.

Comforts: Misses E. Southam, V. Olive, G. Walton, M. Proctor and Mr. H. G. Lee.

Entertainments: Misses E. Gardner and E. Wheeler, Messrs. E. Clarke, F. M. Gordon and E. Cahill.

Publicity: Misses Z. Bocking and L. Woodcock, Mrs. Ross, Messrs. L. Kendall and T. Murray.

Air Raids Precautions: Miss E. Teerman, Messrs. S. Lewis, H.N. Barlex, A. J. Lee and F.J. Curry.

The Auxiliary will co-ordinate the following activities:-

War Loans and War Savings Certificates, Lord Mayor's Fund, Red Cross Fund, other funds to be approved, Button Sales, Concerts, Displays and Entertainments.

It will also foster other movements in the schools to promote war efforts.

NEW SOUTH WALES

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAR SERVICE AUXILIARY.

A meeting was held in the Conservatorium Hall at Sydney, New South Wales, on Thursday, 21st September, 1939.

Present at the meeting were the Administrative Staff of the Education Department, Officers of the N.S.W. Public School Teachers' Federation, Inspectors of Schools, and Heads of Schools and Departments in the Metropolitan Area.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously:

"We, as representatives of the Public Schools of New South Wales, recognising the Justice of the Empire's Cause in the present war, pledge ourselves to give, by all means in our power, the fullest possible support to every effort directed towards ensuring the success of the Allies' Cause and an early Just and Lasting Peace."

At this meeting the N.S.W. Public Schools War Service Auxiliary was formed and a committee appointed which was representative of the Administrative Staff of the Education Department, the Executive of the Teachers' Federation, the Institute of Inspectors, and Associations of N.S.W. Public School Teachers' Federation.

As a first gesture from the schools, a movement sponsored by the Teachers' Federation for a "Gift to the Nation" by the children and teachers of the Public Schools of New South Wales resulted in a cheque for £25,000 being handed to the Prime Minister of Australia.

WAR GIFT TO NATION.

Cheque Handed to State Premier.

On August 23rd, 1940, in Federation House, the President of the Federation, Mr. A. McGuinness, presented to the Premier of N.S.W., who was deputising for the Prime Minister, the proceeds of the Federation, Gift to the Nation from the Teachers and Children

of the Public Schools of N.S.W. The amount at that date was £21,509.

The Prime Minister and Federal Treasurer sent telegrams thanking the Federation for the "wonderful," "magnificent" gift.

The ceremony was witnessed by over 300 members of the Federation and was attended by the Premier of N.S.W, the Hon. Alex Mair, M.L.A.; the Minister for Education, the Hon. D. H. Drummond, M.L.A.; Mr. T. Kelly and Mr. Hicks, members of the Public Service Board; Mr. J. G. McKenzie, Acting Director of Education; Mr. R. C. Harkness, C.I., and other prominent departmental administrators.

Mr. Drummond expressed great delight at the magnificent effort of teachers and children of N.S.W., and also stated that teachers and children were doing much in other directions to assist the war effort. The financial result was magnificent, but more wonderful was the spirit that animated the enterprise. The gift was an evidence of the sterling value of the teachers' organisation.

The Acting-Director expressed his own personal delight at this great effort of teachers and children. He then explained the organisation set up to control the schools' war effort, and said that he knew that there would be full co-operation on the part of all teachers and the Federation.

Mr. Mair, in receiving the gift for transmission to the Federal Treasurer, warmly applauded the spirit and sacrifice of the teachers and children. He gave instances of the fine work done in the Albury district in the purchase of War Saving Certificates by school groups, and congratulated the Federation on its successful achievement.

In presenting the gift, the President, Mr. McGuinness, stated that the amount was the largest ever raised by the Federation. The response was a symbol of the spiritual value of the Federation. It told the world what manner of people the teachers are. It showed that our teachers and children are the proud, possessors of something which has enabled our people in Great Britain to amaze the world by their successful resistance to overwhelming hordes of Hitler.

He also mentioned that the Federation had played a prominent part in the establishment of War Savings Groups in all schools, and

was co-operating heartily in the work of the Public Schools' War Services Auxiliary.

He stated that the schools and teachers were a vital factor in such work, and explained that no other section of the community had such a comprehensive record of service.

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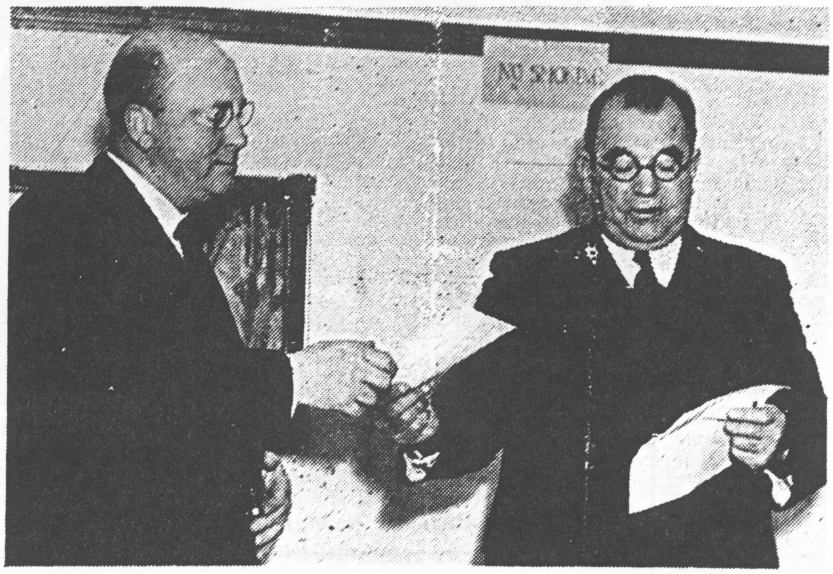

The President, Mr. McGuinness, handing War Gift cheque to Premier.

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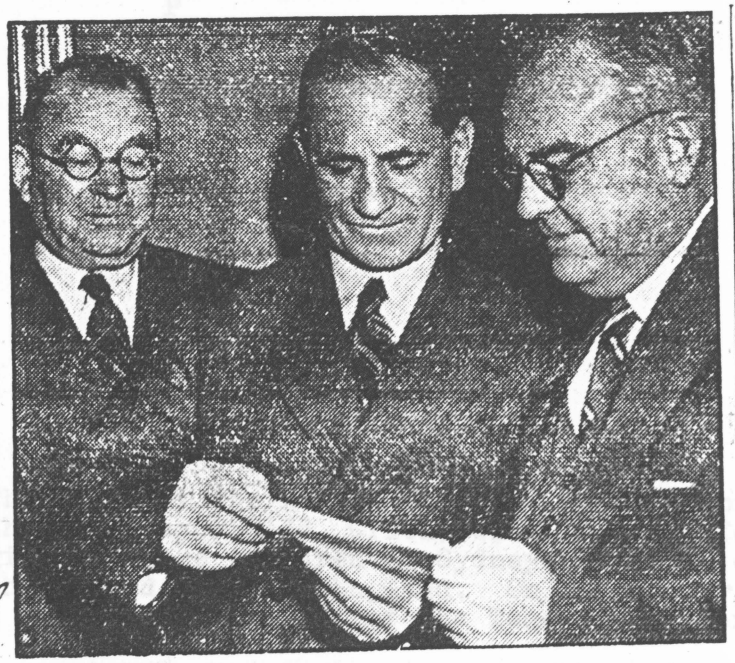

The Minister for Education (Mr. Drummond) presenting the Lord Mayor (Ald. Crick) with a cheque for £1250, a gift from the children of Sydney to assist children in the bombed areas of England. On left is Mr. A. McGuinness, president of the Teachers' Federation.

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On 30th September, 1940, the Minister for Education, Mr. D. Drummond, accompanied by the President of the Federation, Mr. A. McGuinness, handed a cheque for £1250, donated by the children of Public Schools of Sydney to assist children in the bombed areas of England, to the Lord Mayor of Sydney.

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Many delightful and soul-stirring acknowledgments were received. Here is one:-

This is a six year old boy from Boston, England, saying, "Thank you for the money you sent us. We wish you all a Happy New Year and hope you will have a party, too. Love from all of us to all the boys and girls."

First donation from the Auxiliary was for the victims of the early bombing attacks on England.

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Donations were made continuously throughout the war period to the Red Cross and Prisoners of War Fund and the Australian Comforts Fund.

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Christmas hampers were provided every year for Australian men and women in the fighting services.

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Comforts, games, education and sproting materials were constantly supplied.

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A hospital unit for Australian Forces in the Middle East was set up.

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A large contribution was made to assist in the setting up of the British Centre in Sydney for the use of overseas forces.

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A special donation was made to the Australian Merchant Seamen's Fund.

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Substantial amounts were contributed for the relief of

The people of Greece.

The People of China.

The people of Russia.

Distressed Indian children.

Distressed children in Allied Countries.

The people of Britain (bombed victims - further contribution).

The children of Britain (Comforts Fund).

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The largest donation was a cheque for £11,000 for the Food for Britain Fund.

In Britain, France, Greece, Russia, China, India, children

in need felt the helping hand of the girls and boys of the Public Schools of this country. The members of the fighting forces - soldiers, sailors, airmen, nurses - were followed over the continents and the oceans, and helped with comforts which carried with them messages of love and sympathy. In the jungles of New Guinea, Malaya and Burma, on the sands of Egypt, through the mountainous regions of Syria, over the broad Canadian plains, where our airmen prepared for the stern tasks ahead of them, in the fields and meadows of England standing by their call to action, our Australian men and women phyed their part. They had with them wherever they went the knowledge of the thought and comradeship of those whose share in the struggle for freedom was to give support and strength to the members of the fighting forces (not forgetting the men of the merchant service), who risked their lives and their liberties in order that the people of the world might be free.

## FACTS AND FIGURES.

During the war years collections in the schools on behalf of the various war efforts have resulted as follows:

| CASH DONATIONS- | £ |
|---|---|
| Teachers Gift to the Nation | 23,000 |
| War Savings Certificates and Stamps | 702,814 |
| Amount invested in War Loans. | 102,012 |
| Donations paid direct to Red Cross | 111,092 |
| Donations paid direct to A.C.F. | 65,496 |
| Donations paid to Miscellaneous Funds | 183,009 |
| Donations to Auxiliary Term Appeals | 124,556 |
| Total | £1,311,979 |

In addition to the financial collections, the schools were responsible for the following gifts in kind, estimated cash value of which was £50,000.

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| Socks (pairs) | 65,524 |
| Mufflers | 35,615 |
| Balaclaves | 15,345 |

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|---|---|
| Mitts and Gloves | 15,156 |
| Vests | 10,545 |
| Miscellaneous | 240,595 |
| Garments: | 382,780 |

SALVAGE COLLECTION.

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|---|---|
| Aluminium | 165,077 lbs. |
| Other Metals | 335,281 lbs. |
| Rubber | 3,259,058 lbs. |
| Books and Magazines | 600,000 |
| Camouflage Nets | 60,000 |

E.A. CAHILL,
Secretary.

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In addition the Federation made many amenities available to Service Teachers on leave or on their return home. Every serving Teacher received a direct invitation from the Federation, one of which is copied hereunder:-

FACILITIES FOR SERVICEMEN.

Here's a reminder to Federation members in the Services that Federation House facilities are available to them at all times.

Soldier (and sailor and airman) teachers are quite welcome to call in for a hot shower and brush-up, and to use the lounges and the library. Notices of the dances held from time to time appear in "Education" and on the notice board.

Readers may have suggestions to offer for increasing the scope of Federation hospitality to our members in the Forces. We shall be pleased to hear them.

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"Education" published regularly letters received by its Editor from Federation Members Abroad. The following is a typical "Education" item:

## FEDERATION MEMBERS ABROAD.

### Some News From The A.I.F.

We are pleased to publish some excerpts from a letter received by Mr. C. Ivey, Secretary, Men 1st Assistants' Association, from Sgt. Jack Doherty(formerly of Camdenville P.S.), now on active service. The writer has been confined to hospital for some time, suffering from sand-fly fever and pneumonia. An operation following has not made him take a too-optimistic view of life, but he is out and about again. Mr. Doherty says:-

"I had John Pearce (ex-Armidale High) in to see me. He brought news that Wally Gates, Bob Clarber, "Stab' Allen, who are with him, are quite O.K. Ewen Cameron, up to his old tricks, is now unit carpenter. Jim Small is doing quite well, and in line for his 'pips' - appointment only awaiting official confirmation. He is a sergeant-major at present. Vic. Parker (from Darlinghurst way) is now a sergeant.

"I wish to thank your committee for the canteen order you forwarded. It came in handy. Was very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Bob Patterson. Have been receiving my copies of 'Education' regularly, and would like you to express my thanks to the Editorial Board. They have been well thumbed, and I intend to pass them on to others of the clan, in case they have not received theirs. Will you please express my thanks to your executive committee, and convey fraternal greetings to Federation members?"

## ASSOCIATION'S LETTER TO ITS MEMBERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

The following letter has been forwarded by the Men Assistants' Association to its members who are on active service with the Forces. The letter is singed on behalf of the Association by Mr. R. C. Campbell himself a veteran of the first World War:-

Dear Colleague, - Our Association has asked me to write to you as a token of its regard for its members in the Fighting Services, and to assure you that so far as it is concerned "out of sight" does not mean "out of mind."

Do you receive "Education" regularly? If you do, it will keep you in touch with Federation affairs. If you don't let me know and I will see (if the blame is ours) that a copy is posted to you each month.

The Federation is sending a parcel of comforts to each of its members on service. We hope your will arrive safely and in good order.

Knowing from experience the many handicaps that active service entails, I would like to hear of anything we could do to help you. Any assistance that the Federation, or I personally, can give is yours for the asking. At any rate a letter from you would be appreciated for its own sake, and also with a view to its publication in "Education."

Fraternally Yours,

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## Gift to Chinese Children.

Dr. Tuan, Consul for China, wrote:-

"The spontaneous spirit of the school children of New South Wales in making such generous contributions to the relief of Chinese orphans has deeply impressed me. I have expressed my sincere gratitude in my address at that presentation function, and I wish once more to thank you, the committee, and all the children."

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Both wars made serious inroads into our imports and productive activities; we found ourselves suffering from crippling shortages of many things. Every school collected bottles, jars, tins with airtight lids, paper for pulping, cardboard, rope, string, tins of fat, etc., and arranged for them to be forwarded to specified centres or collected by trucks.

In the Second World War it will be seen that aluminium, other metals, and rubber had priorities in these valuable collections.

A few efforts, typical of scores, are mentioned as illustrations:-

The schools of Wagga and suburbs loaded a 20 ton truck with flattened aluminium pots, kettles and scraps, and bags of lead and brass. This was followed by another 20 ton truck of old rubber tyres and tubes.

Carlton Boys' School forwarded eight 3 ton lorry loads of rubber tyres.

In the second term of 1942 Caringbah Public School loaded a 3 ton truck with tyres, tubes, surf floats, rubber mats, hot water bottles and 600 soles of rubber shoes. Cronulla's effort was similar in addition Cronulla sent in 1941, 240 medicine bottles and 600 eggs to St. George Hospital; also in the first 18 months of the war Cronulla Public School donated £921 to patriotic funds.

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REPORT FOR 1940.

It will interest teachers to know that War Savings Certificates to the face value of £134,000 have been taken up by teachers and pupils. The "Gift to the Nation" from teachers and children organised by the Teachers' Federation reached a total of £23,500. In addition an amount of approximately £48,000 has been contributed to the various war funds through the schools.

The War Service Auxiliary has forwarded £3,000 to the children in the bombed areas of Britain; £500 to the dependents of sailors engaged in mine sweeping operations, and £250 for material for clothing to be made up for despatch to British children in distressed areas.

A sum of £2,000 has been allocated for the purchase of a complete X-Ray Field Hospital Unit, and Instruments' Kit for operating theatre and a portable sterilizing outfit. These are for the benefit of Australian soldiers, Sailors and Airmen serving in the Middle East.

A cheque for £500 will be presented immediately by the War Service Auxiliary to the Lord Mayor on behalf of the children of the Public Schools in connection with the "Greek Day" Appeal. This will be a preliminary payment only. The full amount resulting from organisation in the schools will be handed over at the conclusion

of this effort.

J. G. McKenzie,

February, 1941. Director of Education & President
Public Schools' War Service Auxiliary.

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Feeling it to be a matter of urgency the War Service Auxiliary committee decided in September, 1940, to send £1,000 sterling immediately as a gift from pupils of Sydney to pupils of London schools who were wounded in air raids.

To save the slightest delay the Teachers' Federation advanced £600 of this £1,000.

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The following letter from the Director might be read to pupils in connection with the new appeal:-

Dear Boys and Girls,

A very interesting ceremony took place at the Education Department, in the room of the Hon. C. Evatt, K.C., M.L.A., Minister for Education, on Friday morning, 13th June, 1941.

Sheilah Bowman of Clovelly Infants', and Scott Lyall of Eastwood Infants' School handed to the Minister a cheque for £3,042 the proceeds from our Greek Day Appeal. The cheque was then presented to Madame Vrisakis, wife of the Consul General for Greece, for relief of distress in Greece.

Heather Bingley of Burwood Central Domestic Science and Roy Betteridge of Ultimo Central Technical School, also handed to the Minister a cheque for £2,000 which he presented to Colonel McIntosh, representing the Hon. P. C. Spender, Minister for the Army, for the purchase of a Field Hospital Unit for our soldiers, sailors, and airmen in the Middle East.

Twelve pupils representing the different types of our public schools were present.

In thanking the children for their generous gift, Madame Vrisakis spoke feelingly of the sacrifices of her beloved people, and of the noble help given to them by Australians.

Photo of Presentation of Cheque.

Presentation at the Dept. of Education, Sydney, 1941, of cheque for £3,000 for the relief of the children of Greece by a pupil of Willoughby Home Science School.

(The Hon C. Evatt K.C. M.L.A., Minister for Education

Colonel McIntosh also expressed his gratitude for the splendid gift of the children. He said that the gift could not have come at a more opportune time as the 5th and 6th General Field Hospitals in Greece has recently lost all their equipment.

I felt very proud of the girls and boys in our schools, and of their teachers, for the splendid work they are doing on behalf of our war efforts. I know that you will put your heart into this new appeal on behalf of the wonderful British mothers and children who have suffered so grievously in the devastating raids on Britain, and make it a great success.

Yours faithfully,
J. G. McKenzie,
Chairman
Public Schools' War Service
Auxiliary.

(Circular)

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GREEK DAY.

Appended is a copy of a letter received from the Greek Consul-General.

Teachers might make an opportunity for reading the letter to their pupils.

"Sydney, 11th July, 1941.

Dear Pupils of the Schools of New South Wales,

Very recently the Minister for Education, the Honourable Clive Evatt, presented to my wife, Mrs. Vrisakis, on your behalf, a cheque for £3,000 as a donation to the Greek War Relief Fund.

I realise how hard it must have been for some of you to be deprived of many comforts in order to give your savings for the alleviation of the grim sorrows and suffering of the Greek people. You have thus proved your Christian feelings and moreover that you are worthy of your fathers and brothers, who have fought side by side with the Greek people in defence of our common ideals of civilisation: Humanity and Freedom.

As your great national poet, Shakespeare said -

'The quality of mercy is not strained,
It droppeth like the gentle rain from
Heaven upon the place beneath;
It is twice blest: it blesseth him
That gives as well as him that takes .....'

Dear children, your kind deed shall be blessed forever by the Greek nation, and shall certainly strengthen your determination to become good and useful citizens of this noble country.

Yours sincerely,

E. C. VRISAKIS,

Royal Greek Consul-General"

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P.S.W.S.A.

Extract of Honourary Secretary's Report.

As a result of 1941 Third Term's activities the following amounts have been distributed:

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| Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund | £2000 |
| Red Cross Fund | £3000 |
| Xmas Hampers for overseas forces | 500 |
| Medical Aid to Russia Fund | 750 |
| Clothing Fund for Evacuees | 200 |
| Miscellaneous Amoutns to various funds. | 682 |
| | £7132. |

To this amount should be added the sums distributed during the First and Second Terms, viz: £6,650 and £5,000 making a total for the year of £19,282. Teachers and pupils must be congratulated on this splendid result.

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Appreciation must be expressed for the enthusiam and co-operation of teachers and children which continue to be such a feature of the Public Schools War Effort.

J. G. McKENZIE,

Chairman,
Public Schools War Service Auxiliary.

A letter of which the following is a copy has been received from Red Cross Prisoners of War Committee:

16th June, 1942.

The Children of the Public Schools for New South Wales

Dear Children,

At a Meeting of the Committee for Prisoners of War "Day" the sum of £4,500 was handed to the Chairman, and I was asked to write to you and say how extemely gratifying it was to receive such an excellent sum - raised by your own efforts for our Prisoners of War.

We realise you have had to deprive yourselves of many little extras in order to provide this large amount of money, and it is indeed splendid to know that our school Children are assisting in such a marvellous and practical way in order to provide comforts for our Soldiers who are in the hands of the enemy.

You are indeed "doing your bit", and it is with pride that we send you this letter of grateful thanks.

Yours sincerely,
DOROTHY E. MINELL
Hon. Secretary.

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Throughout the Second World War, Mr. C. Johnston, Accountant at Head Office, gave devoted and untiring service as Treasurer of the War Service Auxiliary.

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For the War Service Auxiliary recording each Inspector had a Headmaster as his Hon. Secretary. Reports of activities by schools were forwarded each term, and a summarized report each year.

From the big file at Head Office the return hereunder from one Inspedtorate was selected as typical and average for 1940. Every District had higher figures in regard to some of the items listed.

W.S.A. Return for 1940 for this District.

| | £ |
|---|---|
| War Gift per Teachers' Federation | 36 |
| War Gift per Public Servants | 78 |
| War Savings Certificates | 1190 |
| Other funds | 202 |

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|---|---|
| Lord Mayor's Fund | £35 |
| Red Cross | £110 |
| Buttons | £26 |
| Concerts for W.S.A. | £ 416 |
| Total Cash forwarded: | £2,093 |

Gifts in Kind:

Socks - 967 pairs, Mufflers - 515, Mittens and Gloves - 118 pairs, Handkerchiefs made by pupils - 422, Balaclavas - 93, Pullovers - 134, Vests - 12, Dilly Bags, 16 by 16, with tapes - 617.

Numerous other articles are also recorded.

Signed: Headmaster, Hon. Sec.

In the second term of 1940 one Inspectorate - typical of all the others - forwarded the following to the official centres:-

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|---|---|
| Cash | £595 |
| Knitted socks | 597 pairs |
| Knitted mufflers | 206 |
| Knitted balaclavas | 97 |
| Knitted mittens and gloves | 111 pairs |
| Knitted vests | 12 |
| Knitted pullovers | 128 |
| Knitted kneecaps | 171 pairs |
| Handkerchiefs ma de at schools | 452 |
| Crocheted washers & other items | 1310 |
| Five pound (£5) parcels to ex-pupils or local soldiers overseas. | 48 |

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Extract from a letter from the Teacher, Public School, Lord Howe Island:-

"The islanders, in spite of their limited means, are very interested in all funds for comforts for the Forces. Every pupil has a relative in the Services. Every young man of the Island is in the Forces.

In July, 1940, at a meeting of Principals of Public Schools, one old Headmaster said:

"I don't care if I have nothing left, provided that we win. I can start all over again!"

A spontaneous outburst came from the fifty present: "And so say all of us!"

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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAR SERVICE AUXILIARY.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

SURVEY OF THE YEAR'S WORK. - 1943. By Mr. E.A. Cahill, Hon. Sec.

The Public Schools War Service Auxiliary provides the opportunity for pupils of the Public Schools throughout New South Wales to express their support of the Nation's War Effort. The teachers realise that by supporting their own organisation they are supporting the general war effort.

The result of the Special Term Appeals conducted by the Auxiliary during 1943 revealed the continued interest of the children and teachers. The past year may be described accurately as the peak period of financial achievement, indicating clearly the magnificent spirit of the children, parents and teachers in support of a very worthy cause.

The sum of £26,064 was received from the Schools in response to the Term appeals. These receipts show an increase of £2,000 compared with the previous record year of 1942.

The major distributions of this money have been to the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund and the Australian Comforts Fund. The trend of the war has given these organisations priority when the allocation of funds was being decided. The care of our Prisoners of War, sick and wounded men, and the provision of amenities for the members of the fighting forces must be our first consideration. Substantial donations were also made to the Merchant Navy Fund, Aid

China Appeal, Russian Medical Aid Fund, Australian Army Education Service, Xmas Hamper Appeal, Service Clubs, and other worthy institutions.

THIRD TERM APPEAL.

The sum of £11,516 was received in donations during the Third Term, 1943. This was a record for any term appeal.

SUMMARY OF WAR EFFORT.

The completed summary of the Schools' War Effort indicates that, apart from the Auxiliary's Appeals, substantial cash contributions to various other appeals and gifts in kind have been made. The sum of £63,670, has been paid by the schools direct to Red Cross Headquarters. This indicates a definite preference for the Prisoners of War Fund.

The completed summary of the Schools' War Effort indicates that, apart from the Auxiliary's appeals, substantial cash contributions amounting to £754,240 have been made to various other appeals. In addition to financial assistance, the schools have been responsible for the provision of 254,232 miscellaneous articles, such as socks, mufflers, vests and pullovers.

Large quantities of aluminium, rubber, and other metals have been collected, and 400,000 books and magazines have been collected for the Camp Library.

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## N.S.W. PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAR SERVICE AUXILIARY.

1942

## SECOND TERM SPECIAL APPEAL.

It has been decided that the Second Term Appeal under the auspices of the Auxiliary shall be for (a) The Australian Prisoners of War Fund through the Red Cross.

(b) Aid to Russia (sheep-skin drive).

The need for help for Australian Prisoners of War is ever pressing.

An urgent appeal for sheep skins for our Russian Allies has been received.

Staffs of schools and departments are asked to assure themselves that the children are seized with the full significance of the appeals.

As a result of last Terms activities a cheque for £4,500 has been forwarded to the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund.

The total amount contributed to date by the schools in response to the appeals of the War Service Auxiliary is approximately £30,000.

Such a result is a splendid tribute to the enthusiam and work of teachers and pupils.

J. G. McKenzie,
Chairman,
Public Schools War Service
Auxiliary.

Following is a copy of one of a number of letters received from the children of England in appreciation of the assistance given to them by the Public School children of New South Wales.

Dear Children of New South Wales,

We all appreciate the presents that you sent us. Many of us have been living in this Hostel in Devon for more than a year. We are all very happy but we will be glad when the War is over and we can go back to live with our Mothers and Fathers again.

I hope and we all hope the enemy won't get so far as your home. Well Goodbye and Good luck till the end of the war.

Yours truly,

The children of England.

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The proceeds of 1943 First Term Appeal were handed to Representatives of participating Organizations at a specially arranged function which took place at Sydney Town Hall.

Four pupils - two boys and two girls - were chosen to deliver short addresses. Each speaker was supported by two pupils - a boy and a girl - whose business it was to present cheques.

It will be appreciated that each pupil attending a Public School no matter where he or she lives was represented at the function by a boy or girl from a similar type of school.

The Lord Mayor Presided.

Others on the Platform were:-

Her Excellency Lady Gowrie,

TheHon. Clive R. Evatt, Minister for Education.

The Lady Mayoress,

Mr. J.W. Hayes, Representing the Director of Education - Mr. J.G. McKenzie.

Mr. McGuinness, President, Teachers' Federation.

Mrs. Armstrong, Australian Merchant Navy Relief Fund.

Mrs. Nigel Smith & Mr. A.L. Blythe, Representing the Red Cross.

Miss L. Woodcock, Senior Vice-President, Teachers' Federation.

Cheques were presented as follows:

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| To the Lord Mayor for the Australian Comforts Fund. | £2500.0.0 |
| To Her Excellency the Lady Gowrie, | £1500.o.0 |
| For Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund | £1000.0.0 |
| For Australian Merchant Navy Fund | £1000.0.0 |
| Total: | £6000.0.0 |

I have again to express my very great pride and pleasure in the work which is being done so wonderfully by both children and teachers.

This term's Appeal is for our own soldiers, sailors, airmen and nurses who are serving our Country in Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Malaya and other places. We hope to send to them loving messages and Christmas Cheer.

I am confident that it will be a success.

Yours faithfully,

J.G. McKENZIE,
Chairman,
Public Schools War Service Auxiliary.

August, 1943.

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NEW SOUTH WALES PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAR SERVICE AUXILIARY.

THIRD TERM APPEAL, 1944.

September, 1944.

Proceeds from the Second Term Appeal, 1944, amounted to £7,900. This very fine result reflects the energy and interest displayed by the teachers and children in support of their own Special War Effort.

The Minister for Education, the Director of Education, the President of the Teachers' Federation and the Committee of the Public Schools War Service Auxiliary express very great pride and pleasure in the work which is being done so wonderfully by both children and teachers.

The Committee of the Auxiliary takes this opportunity of conveying its thanks and appreciation to the teachers, parents and children for their loyal support and co-operation.

The funds from the Second Term Appeal will be distributed between (a) the Red Cross, including Prisoners of War and Distressed European Children; (b) the Australian Comforts Fund; (c) Anzac House Appeal.

The sum of £1,500 has been allotted for the provision of

Xmas Hampers for Australian Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Nurses serving in the Armed Forces.

The amount provided will enable 3,000 hampers to be forwarded each one of which will contain a specially designed greeting card bearing a message from the Public School Children of New South Wales.

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FURLOUGH HOUSE AND CHILDREN OF SERVICEMEN.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAR SERVICE AUXILIARY.

APRIL, 1945.

Funds from the First Term Appeal are to be used for the assistance of the Red Cross, including Prisoners' of War Fund, the Australian Comforts Fund and the British Centre.

Teachers are invited to make recommendations for any child or children of ex-service and servicemen who, in their opinion, would be improved by a stay at Furlough House during the Autumn Vacation. The co-operation of teachers is sought in this direction as it if felt that they are in the best position to help those most in need These cases are unfortunately not always brought under the notice of Furlough House authorities. If the addresses are forwarded, the mothers will be contacted and helped if desired.

During the Summer Vacation seventeen of the children nominated by the teachers enjoyed a fortnight's stay at Furlough House, Orange. In each and every case the children greatly benefited by this change of air. The Committee of Furlough House has offered its congratulations to the teachers on the selection of these children as they were all sadly in need of a change and represented fine types of children.

Recommendations should be forwarded as early as possible to the Secretary, Public Schools' War Service Auxiliary, Department of Education, Sydney.

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WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICES FOR CIVIL DEFENCE, LONDON.

In 1942, the Public Schools War Service Auxiliary, on behalf of the children of the Public Schools of New South Wales presented a cheque for £5,000 to the Hon. W. J. McKell, M.L.A., Premier of New

South Wales, for transmission to the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister for England, for the relief of the bombed victims of England. Portion of this donation was used to provide Christmas fare for the girls and boys who had been evacuated from their homes to schools in the safe areas of England. This work of distribution was undertaken by the Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence. Many letters of thanks and appreciation have been received by the children of New South Wales from the children of England for their generous help. The following letter was recently received by the Premier from Lady Reading, Chairman of the Women's Voluntary Services Committee, conveying Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to the Premier and the children of New South Wales:-

"President: H.M. THE QUEEN.

Chairman: THE DOWAGER MARCHIONESS OF READING, G;B.E.,
41 Tothill Street, London , England.

3rd October, 1944.

Dear Mr. McKell.

Although it seems a long way off till Christmas, I know that in order to reach you in time I must send you a line of greeting now. May this Christmas be the most joyful you have spent for many years. As you probably know, I can never thank you enough for all you have done for us, and I can only hope and pray that the many children you have helped will grow up to be a credit to you!

May 1945 bring you a large measure of personal happiness and peace to us all.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) STELLA READING,
Chairman."

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, THE HON. R.J.HEFFRON, M.L.A.

This year of victory nears its close and we have seen our national hopes realized at an enormous cost in brave young lives.

Our first Christmas of the peace is near at hand and it will be indeed a joyous one for many, yet tinged with sadness for those who have lost their loved ones during the past six years of war.

The teachers and officers of the Department have contributed their full share and more to the splendid effort made by Australia during the anzious times just passed.

Over 1,500 teachers and officers of the Department enlisted for active service and many paid the supreme sacrifice.

Hundreds of others were associated with essential duties outside of the Department in other spheres.

All this, of course, meant that heavier responsibilities were the lot of those who carried on and these extra duties were performed loyally and well.

I take this opportunity of conveying to you all on behalf of the Government of New South Wales sincere thanks for the magnificent work which has been done.

With you I look forward to the New Year as one of progress in education.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAR SERVICE AUXILIARY.

The Public Schools War Service Auxiliary will continue to function and organise in the Public Schools of New South Wales, to maintain the splendid spirit of service rendered so magnificently by the many thousands of children in all types of schools during the war years.

Although actual hostilities have ceased the men in the Forces are still on Active Service and the Auxiliary will continue its work on their behalf. Large Australian Forces must be retained overseas in various areas of the Pacific Zone. It is essential that the Auxiliary should continue to raise funds to send comforts to those thousands of soldiers, sailors and airmen who have won our battles.

The work of the Red Cross for general purposes must also go on. Funds will be required for the alleviation of suffering amongst the sick and wounded of returning P.O.W. In addition there are many worthy funds established to give every assistance in the great problem of rehabilitation. The Auxiliary is of the opinion that the children of the Public Schools of New South Wales will gladly assist in the very worthy cause of helping to rehabilitate ex-service personnel.

The teachers and children have done a fine work. They are asked to complete that work by continuing undiminished their splendid

efforts, which have reflected the greatest credit upon themselves, their teachers and their schools.

## DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S FINAL CIRCULAR ON THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAR SERVICE AUXILIARY, May, 1946.

The Public Schools War Service Auxiliary which, organised in the public schools of New South Wales during the war years to raise funds for the war effort, will terminate its activities at the end of the present school term. The grand total of £1,284,750 was raised by the children of the schools, assisted by their teachers and friends, to help provide comforts for the members of the fighting services - soldiers, sailors, airmen and nurses. Substantial donations were forwarded to assist the distressed children in Britain, France, Greece, Russia, China and India, who have greatly appreciated the helping hand of the girls and boys of the public schools of this country.

In addition to the financial collections, the children in the schools were responsible for the making and distribution of 328,595 miscellaneous garments to the members of the fighting services. Large quantities of aluminium, rubber and othe metals were collected and over half a million books and magazines were distributed to the camp libraries. The total result shows the fine spirit of the Australian children, and is indeed a record of fine achievement.

As a fitting climax to this splendid effort, the Committee of the Auxiliary decided that its final appeal would be to assist "The Lord Mayor's Food for Britain Fund." The Committee is confident that this decision will meet with the approval of the children and teachers.

Heads of schools and departments, and teachers-in-charge are invited to co-operate to the utmost in this appeal to assist the children of Britain, who are facing starvation as a result of the War. The Committee of the Auxiliary are confident that there will be a record response to this final and worthy appeal.

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FOOD FOR BRITAIN.

(Copy of a letter recently received)

64 First Avenue,
Netherlee,
Glasgow, S. 4,
Scotland,
2nd October, 1947.

Dear Sirs,

Australian Comforts Fund.

In the district we reside - a suburb about 5 or 6 miles out of Glasgow - my wife and I attended yesterday a distribution of gifts of the Australian Comforts Fund to Britain. The system of the distribution was organised by the District County Counsellors who were represented, along with Food Office Officials. Notices were displayed in the various Post Offices of each area advising Old Age Pensioners i.e. old people 65 years of age and over to attend at a local Hall at a given time and day, and on presenting their old age pension book would receive a share of the Australian Gifts so generously donated by their good people. I give you these details as I think you would like to know from a recipient how the disposition of the gifts were made.

Would you please convey - if convenient - our sincere appreciation for their gifts to the Education Officials, Teaching Staff, Parents and the dear children for their great kindness in remembering us at this time of austerity in the Old Country, and tell them that we and many other elderly people will enjoy the welcome tin of golden syrup. You had only to see the look of anticipation and pleasure on the faces of the old folks when receiving their gifts.

This little note is just a simple attempt to convey to all concerned our heartfelt gratitude for your lovely gesture and a acceptable gifts.

We have also uppermost in our minds at this time the great response of the young manhood of your loyal country in our time of trial and the many brave lads who never returned.

We send our thanks and greetings to those who returned home and are with you now.

With our kindest regards and love to your dear children.

LORD-MAYOR of Sydney -
R. J. BARTLEY.

A pupil of Hornsby Girls' High School, making the presentation of cheque for £11,400 to H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester, for the "Food for Britain Fund" at Sydney Town Hall, June, 1946.

The Right Hon., The Lord Mayor of Sydney. R. J. Bartley.

Yours Gratefully,

G. McCulloch and Wife.

(Age 73.)

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FOOD FOR BRITAIN APPEAL.

Appended are sopies of two letters received from England:-

1 Diamond Road, Slough, Bucks.,

15th September, 1947.

To Food for Britain Appeal Committee.

Gentlemen,

I am an ex-service man and old-age pensioner. On behalf of my wife and myself, please accept our sincere thanks for your gifts of jam, syrup, etc., also kindly convey our thanks to the children of N.S.W. Public Schools who contributed to make this gift.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) F. J. SPARROW.

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43 Bridge Street, Witham,Essex,

23rd October, 1947.

My dear Children,

As one of the older residents of Witham, I received a tin of syrup, part of the gift sent by you to England, and I feel I must personally express my appreciation of your help.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) (Mrs.) EVA M. CLAYDON.

To the Children of N.S.W. Public Schools.

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<u>Congratulations from Director General of Education,</u>

<u>J. C. McKenzie Esq., B.A., B. Ec.</u>

This is the story of a noble adventure - a story of a long sustained and voluntary effort by the great company of children and teachers throughout the Schools of New South Wales.

Our children, like those of all free peoples, have always been encouraged by their teachers to build up and strengthen a tradition of unselfish service by co-operative and joyous effort, on behalf of

A pupil of Sydney Girls' High School presenting Lady Wakehurst with a cheque of £5,000 for the Red Cross at the Sydney Town Hall, July, 1944.

A pupil of Bondi Beach Infants' School presenting a bouquet to H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester on her arrival at the Sydney Town Hall, to receive the "Food for Britain" cheque June, 1946.

Presentation of Painting
of British Centre
to
Burwood H.S. School
by
Lord-Mayor R.J. Bartlett

Place ..... (Signature) .....

Date .....

(ONE COPY OF THIS FORM TO BE ATTACHED TO INSPECTION REPORT, THE OTHER TO BE RETAINED BY PRINCIPAL.)

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of those who have met with misfortune. This story of the War Service Auxiliary will go in the records of the Education Department as yet another example of a united effort, nobly conceived and nobly sustained.

It is, indeed, a story of faith and determination - faith in those who strive for a better world to come, and determination to help keep open the doors through which free peoples may pass to a world of peace and understanding and friendly international relationships.

It is also a story of how children can play their part in the age-long conflict between unselfish service and the desire for comfort and gain at the expense of others. Our Schools have responded to the demands of hope and courage, and have demonstrated a readiness to carry on the torch of civilization so far as education of the right kind within the school may render possible.

I offer my heartiest congratulations to the organisers teachers and children for the very valuable contribution they have make on behalf of others less favourably situated than themselves. I sincerely hope that this signally successful co-operative effort between the Department and the Schools will continue in the years to come but on a scale which I hope will not be so exacting as that which this book strives to record.

- J. G. McKENZIE.

New South Wales Public School War Service Auxiliary.

Appreciation by the Hon. R. J. Heffron, M.L.A., Minister for Education.

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The service rendered by the New South Wales Public Schools' War Auxiliary during the war is deserving of the highest praise.

The children of the schools, their teachers, the Teachers' Federation and the Education Department in association, have maintained and extended the high tradition of the schools to give assistance to those in need.

A girdle of practical friendship was placed around the world. The peoples of Britain, Russia, India and China, the children of Britain and our Allies, and our men and women on service were among the beneficiaries. To render thanks on their behalf is indeed a high privilege.

The nature of the response to the need, was, in itself, a tribute to the teaching in our schools, as an expression of the educational ideal that the individual should develop his personal capacities so that others might benefit. Here was social service on a grand scale.

The organised effort, which attained such an impressive result was make possible by vision, leadership and team-work, and carried through with sincerity of purpose and unflagging zeal.

I feel that the true kinship expressed by the contribution made will have lasting results in fostering international trust and mutual esteem.

I record my heartiest thanks to all who have wrought so well, and am indeed proud to be associated as Minister with an epic achievement.

R. J. Heffron.

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Commendation by the Teachers' Federation.

President (S. P. Lewis, Esq.) and General Secretary (H.S. Norrington Esq.)

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That free men might live and develop their way of life the peoples of the United Nations acted in concert against the enemies of a free world - the Axis Powers.

In this life and death struggle and the forging of the unity of the free peoples of the world the Australian people played an important part.

The members of the combatant services risked life and limb and non-combatants on the home front gave the utmost support to the fighting forces.

Not the least part of that support was given by the public school children of New South Wales in collections of money and goods and in the production of many and varied comforts. The children worked and made sacrifices for members of the Australian armed forces. They displayed in concrete and spiritual form comradeship and unity with the people of other parts of the British Empire and other members of the

Presentation of cheque for £2,000 by a pupil of Boys' School, Daceyville, for the Relief of Children of India at Federation House, 1944.

To Minister
Mr R. J. Heffron

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The Premier
Mr R. J. Heffron

United Nations - Britain, India, Russia, China and Greece.

In these efforts, the children gained in stature. They learned of the hardships of others; they learned to sacrifice and work for others; they learned valuable lessons in mateship and fellowship - with the people of their own and other countries.

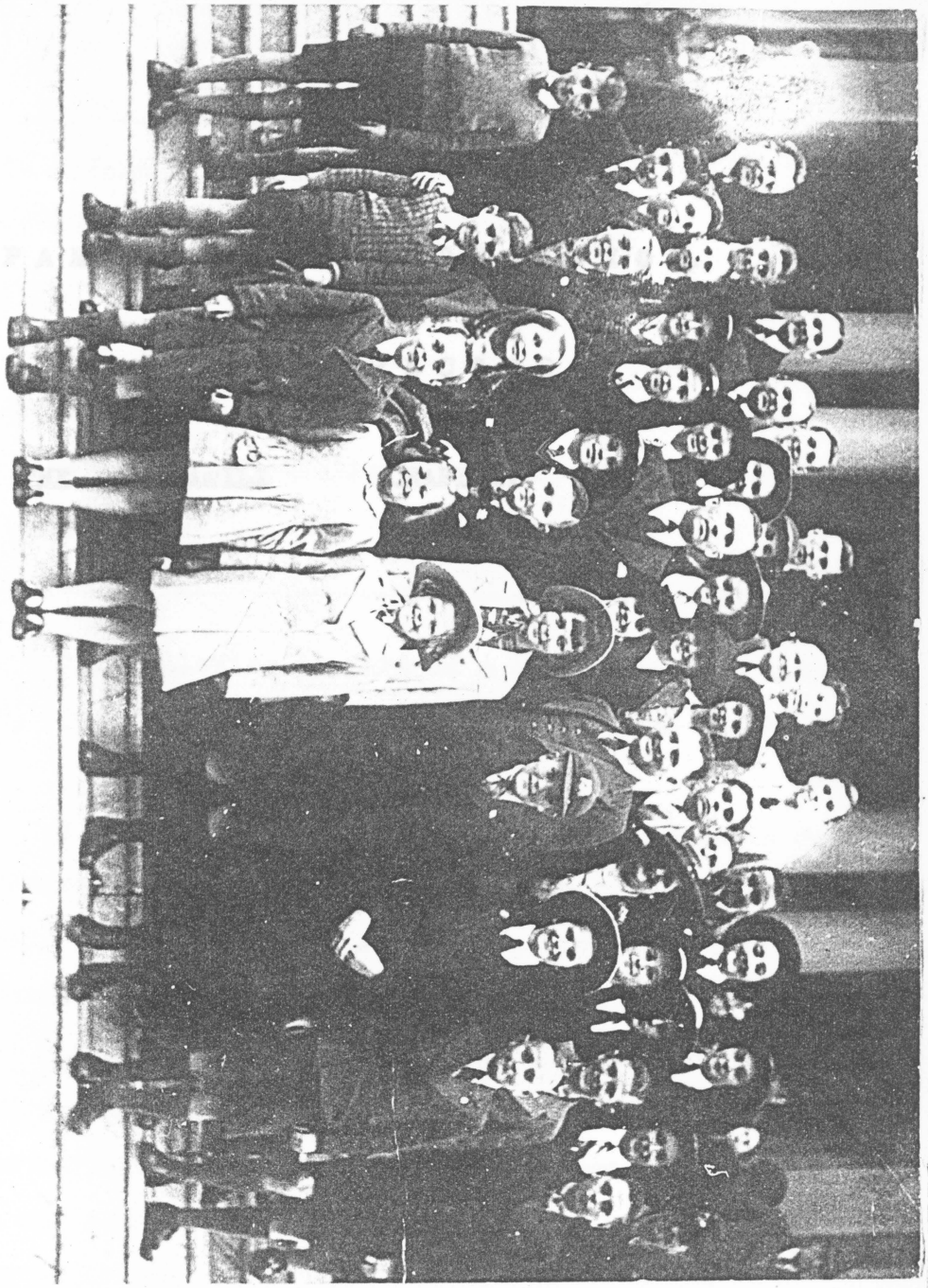
This is the fine owrk which was developed and organised by the N.S.W. Public Schools' War Service Auxiliary in which the N.S.W. Teachers' Federation and Education Department co-operated to lead and mobolise the public school children of this State in one of the finest efforts ever conducted in any country. It must be emphasised that this work and the results acheived were made possible only because of the energy, sacrifice and leadership of public school teachers throughout the whole State.

The spirit displayed through the Auxiliary can and must be maintained so that our people, not the least of whom are our children, will continue to develop that fellowship so essential to the crystallisation of a free and enlightened humanity.

It is the task of Australians, young and old, to build a new and grander world in which the children will receive the new deal they so richly deserve.

S. P. LEWIS,
President,
N.S.W. Teachers' Federation.

H. S. NORRINGTON,
General Secretary.



Children representing the various types of schools at a Presentation Function — 1/7/1943. Sydney Town Hall

Chapter 10

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

## WAR RECORD

## THE HAWILI CHAPTER.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

WAR RECORDS.

# WAWILI AUXILIARY COMFORTS' UNIT.

## Brief Review of Wartime Activities,

## 7th September, 1939 to 31st August, 1945.

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"WAWILI". This title was suggested by Mr. G. Ross Thomas, and was derived from the initial letters of the original members: Wives of Administrative Officers, Wives of Inspectors, and Lady Inspectors.

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The following is part of a report made on 20th September, 1945. A few additions have been made by the recorder.

The Committee of Wawili Auxiliary Comforts Unit takes pleasure in presenting a brief review of its wartime activities. This, the first Annual Meeting held in PEACE, must, naturally, be the last of its kind. No more parcels to pack! But what of the wounded returning maimed, blind, totally incapacitated? What of the little children rendered fatherless through this war? Should we cease our humanitarian work when our members feel the urge to carry on for the time being at least? These are the thoughts in the minds of our President and Committee.

With our menfolk we have shared the dark days of defeat, the joys of victory; but by their sacrifices we have been spared blitz, devastation, famine, and the unspeakable horrors of war. This is the debt we owe to our Fighting Forces.

It has been our honour and our privilege to help our country's cause. Our humble endeavours have been made possible only through the enthusiastic and loyal support of our many helpers and friends.

APPRECIATION:

The Committee wishes to place on record once again its appreciation of the Department's action in freeing for the

Unit's use, each Thursday, the spacious Assembly Room - often at great inconvenience to themselves.

We sincerely thank the Minister for Education and the Director General of Education for their personal support for past concessions, and for their many other courtesies which have helped our organisation so materially.

FORMATION OF THE UNIT:

Four days after the outbreak of War (Sept. 7th, 1939) Wawili Association, at its monthly meeting "unanimously agreed to organise a Comforts Fund in connection with the present national emergency". On September 14th, 1939, a preliminary meeting was held at Head Office, and all present (52) formed the Wawili Auxiliary Comforts Unit, and elected a strong Sub-Committee to control its activities. This Committee represented the following groups:-

1. The Executive of Wawili Parent Body (4) and the Convenor.
2. Wives of Inspectors.
3. Wives of retired Inspectors.
4. Women Inspectors and Supervisors, past and present.
5. Wives of Head Office Officials.
6. Retired Teachers.
7. Child Welfare Department.
8. Co-opted members.

It is pleasing to report that all these sections have continued in enthusiastic service to the Unit. Special mention is made of "co-opted members", who include wives of teachers (past and present) and who have rendered, and still are rendering, whole-hearted support.

AIMS:

The aims of W.A.C.U. were originally -

"(a) To send comforts to men who enlisted who are directly or indirectly connected with the Education Department.

1. When training in Australia.
2. When on duty overseas.

(b) To send comforts, as special cases, to men recommended by members, Padres, Commanding Officers, etc.

(c) To subscribe to National and Special Funds for the betterment of war and social conditions and for the relief of distress.

(d) To help necessitous wives and children of men who have enlisted".

This very broad and comprehensive charter functioned successfully till early in 1942, when W.A.C.U. was registered under the "Lord Mayor's Patriotic and War Funds of N.S.W." Thereafter our activities were restricted (by charter) to providing funds:-

1. For comforts for members of the Education Department who are serving with the Fighting Forces.

2. To help the Australian Comforts Fund.

Hence it followed that the Unit's later activities centred round - PARCELS - raising funds to purchase goods, exploring every avenue to procure the goods, packing parcels each Thursday, and last, but by no means the least of the tasks, securing the latest addresses of our men.

Parcels:

During the current year, 1945, 850 parcels have been forwarded to men in Britain, S.W. Pacific Zone, and at Home Bases. In earlier days our parcel value was higher, reaching, at its peak, £1; but shortage and rationing had their effect.

Buyers:

Nevertheless, our buyers performed wonders, and by their never tiring search, were able to secure those commodities and amenities "off the army list" which make "home" parcels so appreciated. One special feature of our parcels was the generous supply of reading matter.

Packers:

No praise is too high for that fine band of workers, the packers, who, in fair weather and foul, sallied forth to "pack for our Boys". Each Thursday, at Head Office, they worked unremittingly and achieved great results. This special section has forwarded over 4,000 parcels - comforts, clothing, hospital equipment, and books and magazines.

The Address Committee:

The Address Committee was often hard put to it to

"pinpoint" their man, but "nil desperandum" was their motto and they always succeeded. Hats off to them!

They greatly appreciated the help given to them by: - The Records Branch, Teachers' Federation, R.A.A.F., A.I.F., and the Navy; and especially mention Messrs. Wilcox, Bowden, Cooper, Misses Lord, Knox and Eyles.

Letters: The first distribution of parcels, each containing three pairs of hand-knitted socks, was made at Ingleburn Camps in December, 1939, by Mrs G. Ross Thomas who was accompanied by Mr. G. R. Thomas, Director.

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Another from Balikpapan from "a five year man" ... "Thanks for the very fine parcel which I received from you yesterday. Actually it is the first parcel I received since I landed in Balikpapan some weeks ago - and that made it all the more welcome."

And yet another ... " I have received parcels from you regularly for years now. I remember the first I got was in Syria at Christmas time in 1941. Now that I am in Balikpapan your parcels are doubly welcome for ... you will understand that amenities such as your parcels provide are a very valuable relief from the monotony of tinned army food. In addition it is grand to realise that there are folk, apart from our own loved ones, who take an active interest in our welfare".

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Letters:

Hundreds of letters have been received from recipients of parcels. If we, as voluntary workers, had expected any reward, we were more than amply repaid by these lovely letters, some descriptive, some humorous, some both; but all appreciative. Here are a few extracts:-

From Bougainville ... "Best wishes to all members of your unit. If your pleasure in preparing and forwarding your parcels equals the pleasure and appreciation of those who receive them, then your kind efforts have been happy ones indeed".

From Balikpapan ... "The Hawaii parcel arrived here yesterday and was I pleased to get it! I can appreciate all the work and time entailed making up those parcels and my thanks, while directed to the Unit as a Whole, are in general directed to that loyal band of packers. You must be getting a little tired of this parcel packing, but keep up the good work for it cannot last much longer".

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And this one actually written after hostilities ceased:- ... "It is with very great pleasure that I thankfully acknowledge yet another of your excellent comforts parcels. Your records may show, as my memory recalls, that for quite many months, in past years, I have been happy to receive your most acceptable comforts - dating back to Middle East days in 1941, then the years in New Guinea, and now the final offering when I'm located in Australia. Now that the end has arrived, you wonderful ladies, every bit as much as we servicemen, may feel that inner satisfaction at having seen the job through, knowing that you have done your "bit". May I offer to the members of "Wawili" my sincere congratulations for a noble job extremely well done, and, I'm sure, thoroughly appreciated by all the recipients of your work".

For the Christmas parcels, Miss M. Kidd - Retired Staff Inspector - and her sister, Mrs. E.M. Pettit, made over 700 fruit cakes. As tins could not be obtained, these cakes were baked in "billies", which, also, proved most acceptable to the men overseas. About a ton of Christmas cake! Think of the collecting of ingredients, preparation, cooking, sealing of billies!.

Miss Kidd was the Unit's first Hon. Secretary, early in 1942 she resigned to become Hon. Sec. of the Far East Welfare Organization, in which she did outstanding work in welcoming and accommodating Far East refugees, finding their relatives and arranging reunions of shattered families.

Mrs. H.P. Melville was then for two years a most assiduous Hon. Sec., being succeeded by two other tireless and enthusiastic members — Miss D. Ross and Mrs. A.J. Lee. Mrs. G. Ross Thomas was a most inspiring President throughout, she was ably supported by Mrs. J.W. Hayes and Miss J. Hickey as Vice-Presidents.

The highly esteemed Patrons were Mrs. D. Drummond, Mrs. R.J. Heffron and Mrs. J.G. McKenzie.

Committee Women: No report would be complete without special reference to the splendid co-operation of all Committee women, past and present. We remember Miss Deer (The

Christmas Shop), Miss Thomas (whose methodical, painstaking attention to "reading matter" extended over six years), Miss Chandler and Miss Fitzpatrick (for their happy speeches), and last but n ot least, the "hewers" of bread and the boilers of water, whose humble tasks were so cheerfully undertaken.

Some of our former colleagues are no longer with us. Some have been forced, by ill-health, to discontinue their activities, others have passed to the Great Beyond. We would refere especially to two foundation members - Miss Chandler and Miss Deer, so different, yet so alike in their unselfish devotion to others. We miss their help and their encouragement, but not more than we miss their charming companionship, their ready wit and their characteristic good humour. We are the poorer by their passing.

Many members have suffered bereavement. For them the joy of Peace has been dimmed by the loss of loved ones who have made the supreme sacrifice. We extend to the bereaved families our loving sympathy.

THE WOOL RECORDER (Mrs. Mackinnon) reports:-

"With the assistance of Mrs. Willock, I took over the Wool Recording on 30th March, 1944.

During the four years and five months since then, 281 lbs. of wool have been issued and made up into garments from wool bought by the Auxiliary. In addition, 31lbs. of wool have been bought with coupons generously donated by members, and 10 lbs. have been donated, Miss Nicoll deserving special mention in this respect. In all, approximately 322 lbs. of wool have been made into garments during this period.

The garments so made total 2,954, made up as follows:- Socks - 1,850, Long socks - 121, Scarves - 408, Caps and Balaclavas - 275, Pullovers, 243, Gloves and Mittens - 40, and Miscellaneous - 17. In addition, 72 pairs of socks and 50 scarves have been knitted for the A.C.F., and donations of mittens, gloves and balaclavas have been made to the Red Cross.

Mrs. Alec Souter has assisted me in the work since Mrs. Willock took over the position of Treasurer in 1944.

The thanks of the auxiliary are due to those members and their friends who did so much quiet and untiring work in the seclusion of their own homes, in knitting these garments. Mrs. Pearce-Jones and Mrs. Allen did yeoman service in this regard."

Prior to the period not covered by the above report (Mrs. Price and Mrs. Moore, Recorders), two thousand garments were made for the forces. These, with gifts of children's garments, bring the tally to 6,000 articles.

"EFFORTS" FOR OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS (1945)

(a) To A.C.F. - £20, 500 hemmed handkerchiefs, 122 knitted garments. Part proceeds Macquarie Place Fair.

(b) To A.G.H. and Red Cross - knitted garments, washers, cushions, reading matter, etc.

(c) Legacy - Special Button Appeal.

(d) U NRRA - One day appeal realised 138 splendid garments, including 19 top coats and 30 children's knitted articles.

(e) Co-operated with Education War Workers' Auxiliary (Macquarie Place Market Day).

DONATIONS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS (1939-1945)

It seems opportune to review briefly our contributions to Public appeals. The sum involved reaches £800. It would be quite impossible to assess the value of the goods donated.

The list of donations seems to reflect in broad outline the pattern of the war. From Finnish and Polish Red Cross Relief (1939) to London Civilian Bomb Relief, The Lord Mayor's Bomb Relief, Clothing for Britain, all indicating the London Blitz. Then came the intensive submarine warfare and "Sydney" Fund, King George's Fund for Sailors, and Greek Red Cross. With Japan's perfidy, the war came closer home, hence gifts to Darwin, Alice Springs, Milne Bay to A.G.H. and the Singapore tragedy finds echo in P.O.W. appeals and parcels, Jacks Day and so on. From late 1942-43-44-45 W.A.C.U. has limited its gifts in accordance with its charter to A.C.F. and A.C.F. Appeals.

APPRECIATION:

All this has been made possible only by the splendid band of workers backed up so generously by their many friends.

We thank them sincerely for their help in so many directions. Co-operation of all has resulted in this:-

£3,000 raised, 6,000 garments made, 4,000 parcels purchased, packed and posted.

Contributions in money and goods have been many, and to list all would be a colossal task, but may we especially - THANK -

The Officers and Staff of the Education Department.

Mrs. Lasker for her innumerable parcels of socks, cakes, cigarettes etc.

Mrs. W.G. Lee, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. A.W. Hicks, Misses M.A. Miller, Lowbridge, K. Clarke, Wheeler, Nicoll, Stapleton and Rubie.

Wives of Inspectors and of Teachers.

The Mistresses of Metropolitan Infants Schools (per Miss M.E. Proctor) for continuous help amounting to £243.)

The Teachers' Federation for the loan of the Federation Hall, and for donations (Mr. Cahill).

The Associates (Retired Teachers)

Wawili Association

Public Schools War Service Auxiliary.

Looking back over these six long years of war, though certain highlights stand out vividly (The Christmas Shops, the Night Card Parties, the Musicales, entertaining "Escorts" torpedoed in the Pacific, and so on), it is the THURSDAYS that will live longest in our memories, the WORK Thursdays and the PLAY Thursdays - the "Work" Thursdays, when the Assembly Room was a veritable hive of industry and where sterling friendships have begun and matured; the "Play" Thursdays, those happy social and profitable functions where we did our work the "Play-way".

As this phase of our activity draws to a close, we feel we would like to say to Wawili Parent Body, "Thank you for giving us this opportunity to work together in national and social service".

This, we hope, is only the finish of a chapter, not "Finis" to the Book.

On behalf of the Committee,

A.E. THOMAS, President.

D. [illegible]OSS, Hon. Secretary.

B. LEE, Assist. Hon. Secretary.

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FURTHER LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO

OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND NECESSITOUS CASES.

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| 1939-40 | Polish Relief Fund |
| | Sports Material for soldiers in camp. |
| | Donation to Darwin Pavilion |
| | Relief to soldiers' wife and children. |
| | Donation to Red Cross(£20) |
| | Finnish Relief Fund. |
| | Donation to Turkish Red Cross. |
| | Y.M.C.A. Appeal. |
| | "Sydney" 1/- Fund for sailors H.M.A.S. Sydney. |
| 1940-41 | Clothing for British children. |
| | Donations for Destitute Soldier's wife. |
| | London Civilian Bomb Relief fund ( £50) |
| | Air Force H ouse. |
| | Cigarette Fund |
| | Xmas Hamper Relief. |
| | Lord Mayor's Bomb Relief Fund (£75) |
| | King George Sailors' Fund (£50) |
| | Army Nurses' Fund (£25). |
| | Greek Relief Fund. |
| | British children's Comforts Fund. |
| | Anzac Fellowship (Children's clothing) |
| | Royal Empire Society. |
| | Pacific Bomb Victims. |
| | Y.W.C.A. Canteen Fund. |
| | Red Cross (Public Service Queen) |
| 1941-42 | Grant Prisoners of War (Next of Kin) |
| | " " " " (Permit Parcels). |
| | Jack's Day Appeal (£50) |
| | H.M.A.S. Sydney Fund (£50) |
| | Christmas Parcels for Inmates Yaralla Hosp. (£20) |

1942-43 Donation to Lord Mayor's Comfort Fund (£100)

Donation to Merchant Navy.

Australian Comforts Fund Adoption Appeal.

1944-45 Australian Comforts Fund - donation and balance of funds remaining on December 1st, 1945.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

RECORD OF WAR SERVICE.

CHAPTER 19.

# A TYPICAL FINAL REPORT.

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The following final report, 5th December, 1945, came from a school of seven teachers; it is similar to hundreds of Final Reports. The President, an Assistant Teacher, does not desire her name to be recorded, "Hundreds have done as much, and more", she said.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At this happy gathering of members of the Ladies' Committee of our War Service Auxiliary, and of the staff of this school, I am pleased and proud, as President of the Auxiliary, to have the opportunity of reading a report of our activities during the long hard years of war, now by the grace of God, and the bravery and sacrifice of our people, brought to a victorious conclusion.

A War Service Auxiliary was established in this school within one month of the outbreak of war in September, 1939, and we have continued to work in the closest harmony, and with gratifying success, from then until now.

Our two Headmasters extended whole-hearted support and encouragement to our efforts.

Our first task was that of providing First Aid Equipment for the school, since, in those days, we did not know that Australia was destined to be spared from the unspeakable horror of war on our soil- with the notable exceptions, of course, of the raids upon Darwin and other north-western areas, and of the attacks by submarines upon Sydney and Newcastle - and some provision had to be made against the possibility of injury to the children by enemy action.

The work which we have done could not have been accomplished without the help of the Ladies' Committee the members of which have given to use untiring and most generous support. They have never failed to enter enthusiastically into any appeal which we have made, or any scheme for raising funds which we have instituted. Some of the ladies present to-day have worked with us throughout all these years, although their children have long since left the school; the constancy of these good women, and their devotion to their duty, as they saw it, are beyond praise. Others have joined our ranks

later in the day, and their help has been greatly appreciated; they gave new impetus to our work, and encouraged us to see the job through.

We have the honour of being represented on the Council of the Australian Comforts Fund by our Mrs. Smith; this lady attends the monthly council meetings, and she has kept us fully informed of the activities of the Fund, and of the various needs as they have arisen.

The garments, and other comforts which we have made, have all been sent to the Head Office of the Comforts Fund in Sydney, where we know that they have been distributed where they were most needed. We have sent:-

1,076 pairs of hand-knitted socks.
560 " " underpants.
96 pullovers
450 cutlery bags.
140 pairs of knitted garters.
20 balaclava caps and
30 pairs of mittens.

All of these hundreds of underpants and cutlery bags were cut out and sewn by Mrs. Smith; the lady teachers and older girls nobly tackled what seemed like thousands of button-holes and buttons.

660 yards of material were made up and 360 lbs. of wool used, to the total value of £205.

We have paid for all the materials used, and, in addition, cash donations have been made to various patriotic funds and appeals to a total of £426.17.10. Two wheel-chairs were presented to the 103rd Australian General Hospital by this school, largely as the result of the help, of our ladies. In terms of money, then, our contribution to the War Effort has exceeded £665; whilst, in terms of work and time and expense, too, we have only to remember the thousands of toffees made, the cartloads of cakes, scones, sausage-rolls, bread-rolls and sandwiches, and the gallons of good soup made by our tireless Tuck Shop ladies, to feel that we may truly say that we have helped to win the war with food.

As a teacher, I am very proud of the work done by the children of this school in connection with the War Auxiliary. I

feel sure that the teachers will agree with me that we could think of no better way of training the children in the duties of good citizenship than by helping them to do their splendid little bit to assist the fighting men upon whom they have safely depended, like the rest of us, for their very lives, and, of course, for their entire future.

We have been more than amply repaid for our efforts by the thanks expressed in the large sheaf of letters which we have received from many parts of the world, from men of the Navy, the Army, and the Air Force.

In conclusion, I should like to express my sincere thanks to every one of you for the many happy times we have shared together, but I warn the ladies that the teachers have dark designs upon you, now that our war work is no longer needed, to prevail upon you to continue with your good work in the interests of the children of the school.

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In addition to work of a nature similar to that just mentioned a neighbouring Junior High School, with connected Primary and Infants' Departments, instituted "Direct Giving" every term. On the final afternoon of each term the school assembled, parents were invited, the audited statement was read and copies distributed, and the four cheques were presented to the Inspector by selected pupils. These cheques totalled over £2,000. Of this amount the following were the major allocations:-

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| Prisoners of War Fund | £1,010 |
| Free Gift to the Nation | £159 |
| Greek Day | £30 |
| H.M.A.S. "Sydney" Fund | £50 |
| British Mothers and Children | £20 |
| Christmas Hampers Fund | £40 |
| Russia Day | £25 |
| Malta victims | £10 |
| Mobile Canteens | £10 |
| Lord Mayor's Fund | £150 |
| Food for Britain Fund | £232 |
| Australian Comforts Fund | £53 |
| Red Cross Fund | £120 |

The balance went to the Public Schools War Service Auxiliary.

N.S.W. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

RECORD OF WAR SERVICES

IN

TWO WORLD WARS.

CHAPTER:

HEAD OFFICE WAR WORKERS' ASSOCIATION.

## HEAD OFFICE WAR WORKERS' ASSOCIATION.

Immediately the Second World War commenced the staffs of the various branches of Head Office formed themselves into a War Workers' Association, to do everything possible for the comfort of its members in the Forces and for patriotic efforts generally. It aimed at raising over £500 a year for comforts, and not only attained this goal, but in 1945 donated £200 to the Anzac House Appeal.

Details of activities were published in a magazine prepared and issued regularly by Miss Gladys Walsham; extracts from letters from overseas gave a piquancy to each issue. Entertainments for funds were organized by Mr. T. A. Hunt, Supervisor of Music, and Mr. R. Agnew with his films, and many other lunch hour programmes were arranged. Men of the Services were entertained at dances in Head Office gallery. The Painting and Repair Staff made and donated countless toys for stalls, and Mr. J. R. Gardiner, Senior Technial Supervisor, organized a wonderful display of toys and useful articles made by his Junior Technical schools for the final big fete for the Australian Comforts and Red Cross Funds, which netted £1,045.

The Child Welfare Department, Technical College and Teachers' College co-operated with Head Office War Workers in their Queen Competition for Anzac House, Miss G. De Leon, of the the Technical College, being the Department's Queen. £838 was raised. The Technical Education Branch made two outstanding donations - £398 and £229.

The women and girls of Head office, under the leadership of Mrs. Ivy Hands, worked evenings and week-ends throughout the War and until its closing at the Anzac Buffet in Hyde Park. Knitting was also undertaken by these women, Mrs. Chessell, of the Medical Branch, ably organizing, training, and presiding over knitting activities throughout the War. Socks, scarves, pullovers, mittens and balaclavas were sent in parcels, but 61 pairs of socks and 138 other knitted items were donated to the A.C.F. The average annual posting overseas was 110 food parcels and 185 ten-shilling Canteen Orders. In one letter a soldier in New Guinea wrote: " It was a pleasant surprise to have this parcel "biscuit-bombed' from the sky. You can imagine how the boys appreciated the delicacies, it is a case of share and share alike here."

The Minister and Director-General joined in the general hearty appreciation expressed in regard to the War Workers' activities, and paid well-earned tributes to the Joint Hon. Secretaries - Mrs. Ivy Hands and Miss Peggy Oldham.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

WAR RECORD.

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Senior Cadet Development.

After investigations regarding the Commonwealth Government Attitude to the Cadet movement while the War was in progress, and the practicability of obtaining equipment and material for uniforms, and officers who could be freed from National Service to carry on the training, Mr. J.G. McKenzie appointed Mr. T.A. White as the organizer. Headmasters of metropolitan secondary schools met and enthusiastically promised the utmost encouragement and country secondary headmasters wrote in similar vein.

It was decided to use the fine detachments at Canterbury and Sydney High Schools as training units for officers and N.C.O.'s.

The first school was held at Canterbury for a week in June, 1940. Captain L.G. Walker, with service in the First World War, was in charge of 180 boys and 50 teachers from 17 secondary schools. This school was officially inaugurated by the H on. D.H. Drummond, Minister for Education. Mr. J.G. McKenzie and Mr. E. Clarke, President of the Soldier Teachers' Association, attended. Chief Inspector, Mr. B.C. Harkness took the salute at the final M arch Past on 24th June.

The second training school was inaugurated the same day at Sydney Boys' High School by Mr. J.G. McKenzie. 190 Boys and 60 teachers from 16 secondary schools attended. Captain (later Major) Reg. Wilthew was in charge, assisted by Lieut. A;H. Sheridan of Hurlstone Agricultural High School, the instructors were the sergeants of the two schools.

On 29th June the Deputy Premier, Lt.-Colonel Bruxner, accompanied by Mr. J.G. McKenzie and Mr. B. Price, Superintendent of Secondary Education, took the March Past salute. From these two training schools over 100 teachers qualified for commissions and 330 boys for N.C.O. rank.

By 9th July, 26 new detachments had been organised, but, on account of severe national rationing of material suitable for uniforms and shortage of rifles, the recognition of these new units was withheld by the Commonwealth Government, despite constant urging by the Department and Headmasters, until January, 1941, when Eastern Command took charge, and gave official recognition to all units, after which enthusiasm and efficiency again developed rapidly throughout the State.

In January, 1941, a camp lasting fifteen days was held for Cadet officers and N.C.O's, and, so keen was the interest evinced, that this camp was immediately followed by one at Glenfield, attended by 3,000 cadets. An Easter camp for fifteen days was attended by 300 N.C.O's, aiming at promotion. Week-end bivouacs by neighbouring units were frequently held, and officers attended Victoria Barracks for instruction every Wednesday evening. Schools at Thornleigh, Long Bay, and Mulgoa were attended by 500 N.C.O's. At several country centres Brigade camps for officers and N.C.O's were held.

Drum and fife bands were formed in many units and steadily developed, in many cases into splendid bands. The Returned Soldiers everywhere gave valuable instruction and considerable inspiration to the units. A happy feature at many schools was the visiting by "Old Boys" on leave from the army, navy or airforce, or returned from overseas.
By the end of 1941 Eastern Command had certified as "Efficient" 24 units of 91 officers and 2090 cadets.

The Commonwealth Minister and Eastern Command have regularly expressed the highest appreciation of our detachments, and the Department of Education and the Service generally can justly feel proud of the enthusiasm, efficiency, and self-sacrifice displayed by every unit.

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Feb. 1946: **SENIOR CADET DETACHMENTS.**

THE Department of Education proposes to institute a Register and maintain up-to-date information relative to Senior Cadet Detachments in public schools. Headmasters of schools concerned will arrange, therefore, to furnish the Department with information on the following matters:—

1. Name of detachment.
2. Number of pupils enrolled in the detachment.
3. Names of members of the school staff who hold commissioned rank, or provisional appointment, in the Senior Cadets.
4. Time and place of weekly parades.

The Superintendent should be advised at the commencement of each term, of any change relative to above matters.

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Correspondence School Chapter

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## CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL EFFORTS.

This school, under the Headmastership of a veteran of the First World War, Mr. Walter Finigan, who was seriously wounded in France and invalided to Australia in 1917, in common with all others schools of the State, cheerfully embraced the opportunity to do something practical for the war effort, and gradually organized to give the maximum assistance with the minimum dislocation.

Part of Mr. Finigan's 1940 letter to the lonely parents and children reads:-

> "The longer this struggle goes on, and the more we learn of the terrible conditions elsewhere, the more convinced should we, in Australia, be of our good fortune and of our responsibility to do all in our power to assist. All thinking people must agree that, to sit back and expect others to fight our battles for us, or to remain apathetic in face of the great demands that are being made, is not only folly, but a direct aid to the powerful enemies that threaten us. That no effort is too great, and no sacrifice is too heavy should be the guiding principle underlying the war activities of all our people. This is the spirit with which the war activities of this school have been undertaken. The results so far have been magnificent and show clearly that we are capable of a valuable and sustained effort that is not only of direct assistance to our country, but also an example to others.
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> "From the very nature of the school's organisation our activities must of necessity be restricted into certain well-defined channels; to attempt too much might invite failure on account of unnecessary expense and "top-heavy" administration. For this reason we have concentrated on the following: (a) Direct subscription. (b) A Correspondence School Comforts Fund. (c) A Correspondence School War Savings Certificates Purchase Group. (d) The encouragement of such local and private activities that may help the war effort. (e) The making and sending of articles for the Junior Red Cross.
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> "The first is Direct Subscription, and under this scheme teachers, parents, and children gave amounts of money direct to the War Gift Fund. A circular was sent to all families enrolled in this School, setting out the need for subscriptions and our aim to hand over £1,000. It was hoped that we would be able to provide for two ambulances during the first year. When I tell you that, by 14th November, the total amount was £731.4.9, you will realise that there is no need to explain how generous the response was. We still hope to reach the £1,000 mark.
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> "When the first £500 was handed to Mr. J.G. McKenzie, B.A., B.Ec., Director of Education, after his address on the great work of the Correspondence School in training for citizenship and breaking down isolation, he made use of these words:
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> "Mr. Finigan, Ladies, and Gentlemen,
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> I really feel that I would like somebody more highly placed than I to receive this fine gift from you, and I thank you on behalf of the authorities who

will receive this magnificent sum. We have all made our sacrifices. Some of you feel that you are not as well in health as you might be. Some of you, like myself, are advancing in years and very doubtful whether we in our life time will see the attainment of this new world of which I spoke, but none the less you are stout of heart. You are prepared to give all you can to help this great work and, more important still, that attitude will go out to those outback homes.

This is £500. You will get your £1,000; I am sure of that, because the spirit is there. My one regret is that, unfortunately, I think this war will be a long one. Our willingness to make sacrifices even unto the point that it hurts will be longer still and of a more lasting duration.

I thank you very much and will hand this cheque to the proper authorities. I think you are magnificent and shall proclaim that to the school world and to the world outside."

"What a proud moment that was, when the assembled teachers saw the cheque, made up of £250 from the children and £250 from your teachers, handed to Mr. McKenzie! This is only one side of the picture; there is another, the unselfish devotion and work of the children and parents, the little acts and "business deals" of the pupils, the hard saving of pennies, and the sacrifice of sweets and pleasures, so that our Empire may be helped. Obviously no effort and no amount are too small. The children realise that it is the thought behind the gift that counts.

"Here are some extracts from the very many letters received. They are typical of hundreds.

"I am enclosing postal notes for ten shillings as my daughter's donation to the School's War Fund. It is not very much, I know, but you will understand that we have many other appeals for the same thing, and I have sent a similar sum to my boy at high school for their fund."

"I am enclosing a cheque for £2.3.0 which I received for my black wool."

"In response to your appeal.....we three children arranged a fete on King's Birthday, ..... The total profits are £4.12.0, which we enclose...Apart from two friends, we organised, sewed and cooked for the fete ourselves."

"The children took up a collection among the inmates of the house and raised £1.15.0 ..... I think with everyone else here, that the idea is a wonderful one, and I'm sure no child will begrudge his pennies for so worthy a cause."

"I am enclosing a cheque for £10 which my daddy gave me as a donation for our own school fund towards the State's War Effort."

"I will send 5/- in next mail as we are 20 miles from a post office. I am doing some knitting for the soldiers, making sox for the Radio Appal. My husband is a returned soldier."

"The two children gladly gave the contents of their money boxes when I read to them your appeal. They and myself are eager to help in every way."

Two pupils sent their birthday money; one got 1/- for pulling weeds, others sold poultry, lambs, eggs and horse hair.

"I am enclosing postal note for £1 towards the School's War Fund. Max worked very hard to raise 1,000 plants, which he sold to people living near at 50 for 1/-."

"I think the gesture of the school to raise £1,000 for the War Fund a wonderful idea. We are all working very hard for the one purpose, Victory. I do not doubt what our efforts will bring, even if black clouds and very heavy hearts are foreshadowed. Freedom and victory will be ours in the end. I am enclosing a small donation from Barrie and his sister."

"Hazel sold her pet lamb and sends the 10/- obtained to the War Gift Fund."

Patricia writes:

"No true Australian who loves our beautiful country will hesitate to stir to the call of our mother country in such a big crisis as there is now. As The Watchman says, 'Every man is needed and every effort of every man, woman, and child is also needed.' I for one am trying to do all I can. I am saving all our newspapers, cardboard, tooth paste tubes, and collecting old aluminium saucepans, teapots, lids and tins and copper to help. I made one hundred and fifty coloured cardboard baskets, which mother and I filled with coloured paper and home-made sweets, and raised £3.5.0 after travelling twenty-two miles to Bathurst. We want to raise £10 with a big koala bear with a baby bear on its back, and £5 on a turkey gobbler.

"Every little bit is a help and if everybody would only think that, we would not have any trouble in winning the war, for, if our enemies were to win, our lives would not be worth living. We must all join in one big prayer to God to ask for help for our brave fighters."

A mother writes:

"Harry was pleased to receive the circular about the war funds; it made him feel he 'belongs,' too, as his brother has been working for his school for some time."

"Joan and Colleen entertained the children with magic lantern slides, and at our evening at home we raised £8.11.0 for the war."

In 1941 Mr. Finigan wrote to the parents and pupils:-

> "Let us continue to give all the aid we can, even in small things, and the total will be something of great value to our brave men and women in the various services. As well as providing some measure of comfort, it will show them that they have the united and whole-hearted support of the country for which they are paying so dearly in facing hardship, horrors, and dangers.
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> "When you read of the various funds connected with our War Effort, you will reaslise what is being done, and, no doubt, feel proud that you have helped in some way to build them up."

The highlight of 1941 was the handing over of the first Ambulance to Eastern Command as a gift from all connected with the Correspondence School. Mr. Finigan, before inviting the Minister, the Hon. Clive Evatt, K.C., to make the presentation, outlined briefly what the school had done for the war up to that day - 11th June, 1941. He continued:-

> "Perhaps no other single gift combines such universality of effort. It is made possible by gifts from children of six to adults of over sixty, from town and country, inland plains, mountains, coastal areas, islands of the Pacific, mandated territories, school pupils, teachers, business folk, primary producers, every conceivable occupation and interest from planters to circus owners, scattered all over the length and breadth of New South Wales and elsewhere; separated, but bound together by the tie of isolation, and made articulate through this school.
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> "This is only a beginning, a good beginning. In twelve months the response has realised approximately £1,500 altogether. We hope to keep this up."
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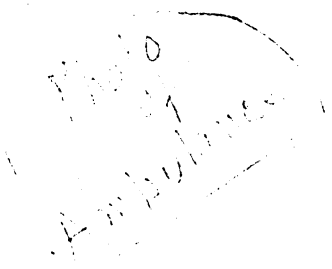
> "The driver, Lance Corporal Pittman, was surprised to find that the vehicle he was driving was a gift from the school of which he himself was a pupil."



A second ambulance was handed over formally at Victoria Barracks in January, 1942. The far flung pupils were thrilled to learn Colonel Anderson, the father of three Correspondence pupils, had won the V.C. in Malaya.

The Junior Red Cross activities of Correspondence School pupils commenced in September, 1940. The contributions were 474 garments, 3,058 knitted squares which were made up by the teachers in rugs and cot covers, and £37 in cash. In addition the school provided 8,000 knitted articles, canteen orders to ex-pupils on service for about £500, about £800 for various other patriotic appeals, £250 for the adoption of two prisoners of way (ex-pupils), and countless books and useful articles for the troops. The teachers bought War Savings Certificates to the value of £3,000. The total Correspondence School gifts, if valued in cash, would amount to over £7,000.

The Correspondence School pupils throughout the State treasure the photo from their journal "The Outpost" of Pilot-Officer Rawdon Hume Middleton, V.C., who gave his life to save his aircraft crew.

When presenting the V.C. to the late airman's father, Lord Gowrie said:-

> "There is no doubt his gallant effort will be remembered as one of the great achievements of the R.A.A.F. I deem it an honour to be able to present this to you, as representing your gallant son."
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> "Pilot-Officer Middleton, captain of a Stirling bomber damaged during a raid on Turin, lost an eye and was wounded.
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> "After the bombs had been dropped he determined to try to make the English coast so that his crew could parachute, although he knew that he would have little change of saving himself.
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> "Middleton flew parallel with the coast and ordered his crew to abandon the aircraft. Five of the crew jumped safely. The aircraft crashed into the sea and three lost their lives."

Another of their heroes is the late Flight-Lieutenant Wallace Martin, D.F.C.

1939–45 War
Correspondance School Pupil
F. Lieut Wallace Martin, D.F.C.

HUME MIDDLETON RAWDON – V.C.
Correspondence School Pupil.

age 24.
Photo taken just before leaving Australia for Canada

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CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL.

Letters of Appreciation - hundreds - in regard to parcels, canteen orders, socks, scarves, Christmas Hampers, are still in the Correspondence School records. Space can be made for only a few picked from here and there in the stack.

Whilst away, I received several gifts of canteen orders from the Correspondence School, and was always very pleased indeed to receive them, apart from the fact that a few extra shillings to spend at the canteen is always very useful, the thought that prompts the sending of these orders to servicemen is even more valued.

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Once again I have received your very generous gift of canteen orders. It is difficult for me to express how much I appreciate not only the gift, but the thought behind it, and I would be very happy if you would convey my sincere thanks to all members of your Comforts Fund.

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Just a few lines to say thank you for the Christmas card and the postal notes. It is very nice to know one is still remembered by old friends, even if we don't see each other much. I think it is a good recommendation for your school to think that with your teaching alone I have managed to pass my exams. in the R.A.A.F. and have risen from an A.C.2 to Flight Lieutenant and I am now a first-class navigator of an aircraft. This, I think, is a fair pat on the back.

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It is very heartening to know that you are all still thinking of us, even though you are going through difficult times too. This is my third Christmas overseas, and I have had a message from you on each occasion.

You will be interested to hear that I have met several ex-pupils of the school since joining up, and, as you can imagine, I have formed quite a few friendships with them.

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I am very grateful to you, and it is very good to be remembered by you after these years. It is now ten years since I left the school, even though there has been one of my brothers or sisters with you almost to the present day.

Since I left the school I have learnt a fair amount of geography first hand, have been round quite an area of Aussie, and have crossed two major oceans, travelled across the U.S.A., and flown over most of the British Isles.

It seems almost a lifetime since I was a member of the school, and I'm afraid I didn't leave a very good name as a scholar. I didn't think much of the school those days, either, because I was always an outdoor boy and the thought of being inside at school work didn't appeal to me very much. However, since then I have fully realized what a great job your school has done for me and many thousand other country children and made possible a life worth living and fighting for.

The Department of Education, from the Minister to the Subsidised School Teacher, are truly proud of the Correspondence School's inspiring and practical patriotism. Several other schools made bigger donations and covered bigger and wider fields in their patriotic activities, but the Teachers of these schools are unanimous in acclaiming, because of its uniqueness and organizational difficulties, the Correspondence School as Number One.

From "The Outpost" are taken the final messages of Mr.Walter Finigan and his successor, Mr. M.H.Kellerman.

"This school and all associated with it can be proud of its record during the war and take comfort from the knowledge that no sacrifice was shirked, no effort considered too great to bring some joy or consolation to boys and girls in the services, or to their parents. We on our part appreciate the splendid support given by everybody to our various funds, and the thousands of letters received from all parts of the world with their cheery messages, show us that everything has been worthwhile. A strong bond was forged during the war, and I feel that this link will not be weakened in the years to come."

W.Finigan.

Well, our war activities have come to an end. We can be grateful that they have, for we can now plan and carry out activities for a peaceful future. We have learnt the lesson that every little counts, and that a great many small items of assistance amount to a magnificent effort if sustained and made regularly. The spirit behind the acts is the important driving force and, if we can keep the spirit of mutual aid through cheerful sacrifice, then we can look forward with optimism to the future.

I cannot say adequately how much each person's help is appreciated. The school says simply and sincerely, "Thank you all."

M.H.Kellerman.

# Chapter 23.

## Final Appeal.

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## THE FINAL APPEAL FOR SECOND WORLD WAR.

In July, 1948, the following notice was published in our Education Department's Gazette:

N.S.W. PUBLIC SCHOOLS APPEAL IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS APPEAL FOR CHILDREN.

A Committee of three Departmental Officers and three representatives of the Teachers' Federation, with a Secretary-Treasurer, is organising an Appeal in support of a Commonwealth wide co-operative effort in aid of the United Nations International Emergency Fund. Details have been included in a circular forwarded to schools.

In October's Gazette, 1948, the following appeared:-

UNITED NATIONS APPEAL FOR CHILDREN.

The Appeals' Committee, Education Department, is most gratifiedwith the generous support given by the schools to the United Nations' appeal for children. It is now desired to finalise the appeal.

In eleven weeks our Teachers and pupils forwarded over £23,000.

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Marlene Nolan, Riverside Home Science School, the Hon. R. J. Heffron, M.L.A., Minister for Education, the Rev. B. R. Wyllie, M.A., B.D., Vice-Chairman of the United Nations Appeal for Children, Evan Simon, Katoomba High School, Mr. J. Back, B.A. B.Sc. (Oxon), Deputy Director-General of Education.
22/10/1948.

Presentation of Cheque.

The presentation of the Schools' Cheque for £18,829 in support of the United Nations' Appeal for Children took place on Friday, 22nd October, 1948, in the suite of the Hon. R. J. Heffron, M.L.A., Minister for Education.

In handing the cheque to Rev. B.R. Wyllie, M.A., B.D., Vice-Chairman of the Appeal, Mr. Heffron said: "Where so many have done so well, I have no wish to mention any school in particular, but it seems necessary to do so in order to stress the sympathy and generosity of our schools. From the Correspondence School came the sum of £938 - a sterling effort, and indeed, indicative of the spontaneous co-operation of all school children throughout the State. I find difficulty adequately to express my admiration and appreciation of the efforts of t teachers and pupils, and it is with the greatest pride that I hand over from the schools this cheque of £18,829."

Mr. J. Back, B.A., B.Sc., Deputy Director-General, was chairman of the function. In apologising for the absence of the Director-General, Mr. Back said that Mr. McKenzie regreted that his

duties in the country prevented his attendance at the ceremony. Mr. Back said that the function was the culmination of the efforts of the schools in their participation in the United Nations' Appeal for Children. He was pleased to pay tribute to past efforts of the schools in the generous support of worthy causes during the years of the War Service Auxiliary and since. He continued that the Department was proud of its teachers, who were the inspiration and driving force behind the success of all appeals in schools, and proud, too, of the children for their ready co-operation.

Mr. Back then called upon Evan Simon, of Katoomba High School, and Marlene Nolan, of Riverside Home Science High School to hand the cheque of £18,829 to Mr. Heffron for presentation to Rev. B.R. Wyllie. In handing over the cheque, Evan Simon said, "We children spared no effort nor any sacrifice to ensure the success of this appeal."

Marlene Nolan claimed that the cheque was a symbol of goodwill from the pupils of New South Wales, and it expressed a desire for friendship with the needy children in other parts of the world. Children in cities, towns and far-flung areas of the outback, sick children in hospitals, blind, deaf and dumb children, all subscribed and were ardent in their desire to help.

Mr. S. P. Lewis, President of the Teachers' Federation, declared that the Federation was proud of the meritorious achievement of children and teachers in support of the appeal.

In receiving the cheque from Mr. Heffron, Rev. B. R. Wyllie expressed the very real thanks of his committee for the outstanding effort of the schools. He was impressed by the fact that all sections of the pupils had supported the appeal generously, and also by the so well put into words by the two representative of the pupils. He felt that such an appeal as this had undoubted educational and international values in that it permitted an expression of our goodwill to the less fortunate and needy, and because it cultivated an outlook

in the rising generation of friendship and understanding for peoples of other lands. He congratulated the Minister on the success of the appeal.

In conclusion, Mr. L. G. Kendall, Chairman of the Department's Appeals Committee, and Superintendent of Primary Education, expressed appreciation of the presence of Rev. B. R. Wyllie and members of the State Committee. He spoke of the gratitude and pride felt by the Departmental Committee at the yeoman service rendered to this most deserving cause by children and teachers throughout the State.

The appeal was officially launched on Monday, 26 th July, at a ceremony in Martin-place, when 1,500 school children, representing the children of New South Wales, pledged themselves to support the United Nations' Appeal for Children. Also present on this occasion were Geraldine Tome, St. George Girls' High School, and Bruce Beveridge, Sydney Boys' High School, who appealed to the Minister for Education to request the Right Honourable, the Lord Mayor of Sydney to form a Citizens' Committee to raise money in support of the appeal. Mr. S. P. Lewis, President of the Teachers' Federation, wholeheartedly endorsed the request of the children, and added that teachers and children would work indefatigably for the success of the appeal.

That same afternoon at 2.30 p.m. there was a broadcast to the schools, and children all over the State heard the recorded speeches of Geraldine Tome, Bruce Beveridge, Mr. Heffron, and Mr. Lewis, and were given the opportunity of repeating the pledge to support the appeal made by the assembly in Martin Place earlier in the day.

Eleven school weeks after the appeal was launched, children and teachers had more than honoured their promise of help.

In addition to the cheque, further donations from schools have been paid to Civic Funds, and to the United Nations' Appeal Committee, thus bringing the total amount to £22,500. This amount is not final, however, as contributions continue to come forward. The final figures will be in the region of £23,000, a truly magnificent effort.

And again, 1950 -

U.N. CHILDREN'S APPEAL.

A cheque representing the schools' contribution to the United Nations Appeal for Children was handed to the Minister for Education at a ceremony at the Department on Noverber 29, 1950. Amount collected to date was £10,673.15.6.

Speakers were Tom Armstrong and Babara Aldrich, on behalf of the children, the Minister, the Federation President, Mr. Lewis, Mr. F. Daniell, Chairman, U.N.A.C., and Mr. Drummond, Chairman of the Schools Appeal Committee.

MINISTER'S SPEECH, CHEQUE PRESENTATION FUNCTION.
(Hon. R. J. Heffron, M.L.A.)

On 26th July last I was privileged to assist in a broadcast appeal.

It was an appeal to school pupils to help the starving children of the world, and it was made on behalf of the United Nations.

The schools were told of the dire need of millions of children who were facing death through hunger, or suffering from cold, lack of clothing or sickness. A Public Schools branch of the United Nations Appeal for children was launched, and a pledge was given that the pupils of our schools would do all they could to help the fund.

To-day it is not merely with pleasure, but with the greatest pride, that I accept from the schools the results of that appeal - results crystallised in the form of a cheque for £18,829. To this might be added the sum of £3,300 which schools subscribed through channels other than the Public Schools Fund.

I find it difficult adequately to express my admiration and appreciation of this wonderful effort by our pupils and teachers.

They have honoured the pledge given, and once again have demonstated their readiness and ability to help in a worthwhile cause.

This, indeed, must be one of the most deserving causes of all times.

The sum given is made up of donations from schools in every part of the State.

It has come from the pockets of children of our towns and cities; it has come from many who have never seen a city or a town - children who live in the far flung areas of the outback - children in schools of not more than half a dozen pupils. Sick children in our hospital schools; blind children; deaf children - all have subscribed.

Where so many have done well I have no wish to mention any school in particular, but it seems necessary to do this in order to stress the spirit of sympathy and the generosity of our schools.

Take the Correspondence School - a school with its 8,000 pupils scattered about in the most remote parts of the State - pupils who seldom, if ever, see their teachers.

From the Correspondence School came the sum of £937, - a sterling effort indeed, and I ask Mr. Finigan, headmaster, specially to thank his unseen pupils.

A particularly large donation came from the Daceyville Public School where the children raised £150; West Wyalong Public School contributed £146.3.2 whilst 12 other schools donated over £100 each. Hobby's Yards, a school of only 25 pupils raised £54 whilst Narooma School on the South Coast sent £82.7.0

Even whilst they had troubles of their own to think about, Lismore Schools forwarded substantial sums. Children at Lismore had been called upon to assist in the appeal for flood victims on the North Coast, but at the Lismore High Schools sports day a sum of £12/11/0 was raised for the United National Childrens Appeal.

Many touching letters have accompanied donations. I read you this one as an example; it is from Southgate School near Grafton.

"To Our Friends across the Sea,

We as the Junior Red Cross of Southgate School are sincerely pleased to send something to help you, our brothers and sisters across the sea.

We do hope ther are millions more friends helping you to live once again happy lives.

We children in sunny Australia often find it hard to really understand your past and present sufferings.

We, however, send our heartfelt sympathy and hope the day is not far distant when we can all meet happily together.

Do write to us if you possibly can as we shall be very anxious to hear from you.

Yours in friendship,

Ray Lickess, Shirley Casson,
Joint Secretaries, Junior Red Cross."

Many children made personal sacrifices so that they could help the fund.

For example from Arcadia, Elizabeth Burgess sent 5/- the proceeds of selling her ten chickens.

Another little girl, Shirley Hancock, raised 3/- by doing odd jobs.

In one district a number of children worked on Saturdays and passed on their earnings to the appeal.

Carol Blackman, Judith Thorley and Ellen Nowell of Roseville held a backyard concert which netted £2.14.0, and the children of one school denied themselves sweets and pictures for a week and sent along the money saved.

Pupils of Aboriginal Schools played their part in the appeal and donations were received from the pupils of the Aboriginal Schools at Tobwabba, Forked Mountain and Cummeragunja. From Cummeragunja came the message that it was hoped the money would not only buy food and clothing but would encourage goodwill and peace among people.

Even from faraway Lord Howe Island a subscription came.

I quote all these things merely as examples.

They are positive, human things which shine out of the darkness of world despair. They rise above the selfishness, greed and suspicion which, unfortunately, the condition of the world today seems to breed.

I am very proud of our children and of what they have done, but I am not going to say they are finer than children anywhere else.

All children are good at heart, and it is up to us as their elders and educators to try and develop in every possible way those finer feeling which the average child possesses.

In this way we might hope to achieve something worthwhile in the interests of world peace.

It is a sad commentary on the human race when it is realised that the suffering in the world today is due only to the actions of man himself.

So,let us aducate our children to observe tolerance and kindness in their dealings with others, whether of our own race or not.

By doing so we may hope to build up a spirit of harmony and friendship which may ultimately eliminate the deadly fear of war which almost every generation over the centuries has had to face.

Finally, sir, in handing to you this gift of the public school children of New South Wales, I express my appreciation of what citizens teachers and school bodies have done in co-operation with the pupils to make this appeal a success. I wish to mention particularly Miss A. Murray one of our school teachers who has acted as secretary of the Appeal. Miss Murray has worked earnestly and efficiently and I personally feel that we could not have had a better person to carry out the onerous duties which the position involve

Together with the children, I sincerely hope the sum given will be the means of alleviating the suffering of many children overseas. I also hope that they will find some gleam of happiness in the thought that the children of New South Wales have risen to help them in their time of need.

BOY'S SPEECH.

Mr. Chairman,

Mr. Minister.

This afternoon it is my happy duty as representative of the school children of N.S.W. to tell you that we have honoured the pledge we made to you at the launching of the United Nations Appeal for Children on 26th July - we pledged ourselves to help the hungry, homeless and lost children of the world. In large schools and small schools, we children spared no effort or felt any sacrifice too great to ensure the success of this appeal and the amount on this cheque, £18,829.10.0 is indicative of the earnest desire of school children everywhere, to extend a helping and friendly hand to those children of other lands in need of assistance.

I now take pleasure in asking Marlene Nolan, Riverside Home Science School to hand you the cheque on behalf of the school children.

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GIRL'S SPEECH.

Mr. Chairman,

Mr. Minister.

I would like to add a few words to those already spoken by Evan Simon. We feel that this cheque is not only an expression of our practical help for these, our fellow children throughout the world, but a symbol of the goodwill and ardent desire we have for their friendship and understanding. We hope that in the years that lie ahead our present help and thought of these children will lay the foundation of world brotherhood and peace when we are called upon to manange world affairs.

I am proud and happy indeed to hand you our cheque, Mr. Minister and to be able to say, 'We didn't say "No"!'

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# UNITED NATIONS APPEAL FOR CHILDREN

On Monday, 26th July, 1948, at a ceremony in Martin Place, 1,500 school children, representing the children of New South Wales pledged themselves to support the United Nations Appeal for Children. Also present at the launching of the Appeal were Geralding Tome, St. George Girls' High School and Bruce Beveridge, Sydney Boys' High School who appealed to the Hon. R. J. Heffron, M.L.A., Minister for Education to request the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of Sydney to form a Citizens' Committee to raise funds in support of the United Nations Appeal for Children.

Mr. S. P. Lewis, President of the Teachers' Federation wholeheartedly endorsed the request of the children and continued, "I make this appeal with greater eagerness because of experience I have had recently in England and Scotland. You know that young and old in Britain to-day are undergoing very considerable hardships. Well, in that very Britain, I recently saw large collections of coins from school children for those who in other parts of the world are in a much worse plight than children in England, and Scotland. This giving by children and adults in a country where people are suffering severe shortages must be a great inspiration and example to us in Australia to help those who are without food and clothing or who have little food or clothing" and concluded "we children and teachers will assist those little children who so sorely need our help."

At 2.30 p.m. the same after noon there was a broadcast to the schools, when children all over the State heard the recorded speeches of Geraldine Tome, Bruce Beveridge, Mr. Heffron and Mr. Lewis, and were given the opportunity of repeating the pledge given in Martin Place earlier in the day.

Children and teachers honoured that pledge and on Friday, 22nd October, 1948, eleven school weeks later two school children, Evan Simon, Katoomba High School and Marlene Nolan, Riverside Home Science School, handed Mr. Heffron a cheque for £18,829, to present to

the Rev. B. K. Wyllie, M.A., B.D., Vice-Chariman of the United Nations Appeal for Children as the Schools' contribution to the Appeal. In addition to this cheque further donations from schools had been paid through Civic Funds, Banks or direct to U.N.A.C. bringing the total amount to £22,450. Donations to the Fund and advice from schools of further contributions paid through channels already mentioned are still coming in and it is estimated that the schools' effort will exceed £23,000 - an outstanding achievement of which every teacher and child must be deservedly proud.

Evan Simon said, "we children spared no effort, nor thought any sacrifice too great to ensure the success of the Appeal", while Marlene Nolan added that the cheque was a symbol of goodwill from the school children of New South Wales and a desire for friendship and understanding of children in other parts of the world.

The general note struck in all correspondence accompanying donations was an ardent desire to help and the sincere wish that the Appeal would meet with unprededented success. Schools all over the State gave enthusiastic support - even remote Lord Howe Island forwarded a donation. Children in cities, towns, far-flung areas of the outback, sick children in hospital schools, blind, deaf and dumb children, all subscribed.

Mr. Heffron in his speech at the cheque presentation function said, "Where so many have done so well I have no wish to mention any school in particular, but it seems necessary to do so in order to stress the sympathy and generosity of our schools. From the Correspondence School came the sum of £938.6.0 - a sterling effort - and I ask Mr. Finigan, Headmaster, specially to thank his u unseen pupils."

Orange District Rural School subscribed £206.2.3 to Orange Civic Fund, West Wyalong forwarded a cheque for £146.3.2 and Daceyville raised £150. Fifteen other schools forwarded cheques exceeding £100 and Hobby's Yards, a school of 25 pupils, sent £54. Many schools forwarded more than one donation,

showing the sustained interest of the Appeal. Cummeragunja, Aboriginal School, hoped the money would not only buy food and clothing, but the support given by the schools would give a much needed stimulus to International goodwill and peace.

In conclusion mention must be made of the active part Federation Associations played in the success of the Appeal. The first contribution to the Fund came from Cootamundra Association and this was indicative of the generous and earnest co-operation of Federation Associations and teachers throughout the State. Much practical help was given by the Secondary Teachers' Association, Needlework Association, Women Assistants' Association, Men Assistants' Association, Deputy Mistresses' Association and teachers from the Correspondence School in the distribution of parcels of leaflets and circulars to the schools.

The the cheque presentation function Mr. Heffron, profoundly moved by the support given the Appeal, said, "I find difficulty adequately to express my admiration and appreciation of this wonderful effort by our pupils and teachers", while Mr. Lewis declared, "The Teachers' Federation is indeed proud of the meritorious achievement of children and teachers in support of the United Nations' Appeal for Children."

Mr. L. G. Kendall, Chairman of the Appeals' Committee, Department of Education, expressed the gratitude of the committee to children and teachers throughout the State for the yeoman's service rendered to this the most deserving cause of all times.

MARTIN PLACE CEREMONY.

BOY'S SPEECH. - Bruce Beveridge.

Mr. Minister,

We are assembled here to-day to request your aid in a most urgent matter. At this moment, throughout was-scarred Europe there are many millions of children who, through no fault of their own, are not only deprived of the protection of their parents, but are actually without the means of existence. Such children, homeless, unloved, without food or clothing, possible constitute the war's greatest tragedy. And it is an endeavour to rectify such a blot upon the world's conscience that we appeal to you to-day.

No one fully conversant with the facts could withhold from these children the daily necessities which now are but unrealisable dreams and vain hopes. No one who contemplates the tragedy of their position will deny them any help that lies within his power. No one acquainted with their needs can fail to place their welfare in the fore-front of his thoughts.

It is because we realise this that we are gathered here to-day. The United Nations' Appeal for Children has provided the means whereby sympathy may be converted into aid, pity into action. The thousand school children at this function represent the wider school population of N.S.W. and we pledge ourselves to support by all means in our power this great cause. But children's support is not enough. Only by the full co-operation of every man, woman and child may the scheme be brought to fruition. To make this ideal a reality we ask you, sir, to request the citizens of this state to organise a fund to bring speedy relief to those in such dire need. Let the citizens show that they are not unmoved by the misery of these war-stricken young people by contributing to the United Nations' Appeal for Children. Let every man, woman and child give whatever thay can affort to help alleviate the auffering of these innocent victims of War's madness and cruelty.

MARTIN PLACE.

Geraldine Tome's Speech.

Mr. Minister.

We have just heard Bruce Beveridge speak on behalf of the starving and homeless children of Europe. No words of mine could be too strong to endorse that appeal, for it is indeed a challenge to the chivalry of every boy and girl in Australia.

The kingdom of childhood has no frontiers, it is a universal realm of which we too form a part.

Must the poignant cry of the children fall on deaf ears of thehappy, healthy, fortunate youth of the world?

We should almost be ashamed at having so much when our little brothers and sisters, so was scarred, have so little. They are the victims of a cruel conflict which they neither caused not understood, yet they have suffered most - we must not let them go on suffering. Let not be said of us that we too have offended these little ones, by forgetting all about them.

"Who gives a child a home
Builds places in Kingdom Come"

once wrote our poet laureate.

And now we are being asked to help build those palaces. So I am going to ask all of you to join with me in promising to help brighten those sad young lives. First of all I shall repeat to you a solemn pledge, then quietly and sincerely from you hearts I want you to repeat it after me:-

"We pledge ourselves to help the hungry, cold, homeless and lost children due to the war, through the United Nations Appeal for Children."

I also appeal to you Mr.Minister, to speak on your behalf to the Right Honourable, the Lord Mayor, and tell him of our pledge and of our earnest desire that the citizens should help us in this urgent cause, so that it may be said of us all:-

"Still the sound of tears hurst us
And children in their helpless need
Still call to listening ears."

MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Thank you, BRUCE and GERALDINE. It is very pleasing to me, as Minister for Education, to see so many of you children here to-day, united in this common purpose and resolve, to help other less fortunate children throughout the world.

To-day, this very day, there are, so recent survey tells me, over 30 million children in the war-torn countries of Europe and Asia facing death from hunger. There are another hundred million undernourished, cold, homeles,, or in need of medical attention. To ehlp them, the United Nations Organisation has established an International Children's Emergency Fund, which is already giving food and clothing and medical supplies where they are most needed. But money is urgently needed for this Fund, and that is why the United Nations have made this Appeal for Children, to all countries of the world. And it is particularly to fortunate countries like Australia, that the United Nations looks for help - first for money, then for the vital foods that money can buy.

We all aim to build a world wherein dwells peace, where there is equality of opportunity and a more abundant life for all. We can win this goal most readily by doing the practical things of life such as providing the money for food, clothing, medicine which may help millions of children back on the road to useful living, for in children everywhere lies the hope of mankind. As BRUCE has said, the preservation of world peace lies in the hands of the future citizens of the World ------- the children of to-day who will be the citizens and the hope of to-morrow.

Now boys and girls, you look to me for help. I am glad you have asked me to approach the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Sydney to open this appeal for funds to assist this worthy cause - the United Nations' Appeal for Children. I have no doubt that every child will honour the pledge that you children, as representatives of the boys and girls of the Public Schools of New South Wales, have made here to-day.

I therefore have much pleasure My Lord Mayor in conveying this request to you on behalf of the children of this State. We hope you

will open a fund immediately for the collection of contributions, not only from the children but also from the citizens of New South Wales.

MR LEWIS.

Mr. Minister and my Lord Mayor -

On behalf of the New South Wales Teachers' Federation I wish wholeheartedly to endorse the request of Bruce and Geraldine and of all the children present here to-day, to seek you assistance in enlisting the support of the citizens of this city and this State for the hungry children of the world.

I make this appeal with the greater eagerness because of experiences I have had recently in England and Scotland. You know that young and old in Britain to-day are undergoing very considerable hardships. Well, in that very Britain, I recently saw large collections of coins from school children for those who in other parts of the world are in much worse plight than children in England or Scotland. This giving by children and adults in a country where people are suffering severe shortages must be a great inspiration and example to us in Australia to help those who are without food and clothing, or who have little food or clothing.

We in Australia no less than our kinsfolk in England wish to assist in providing good food for the hungry and warm clothing for for the cold children of the world.

The United Nations Organisation is providing us with an opportunity through the United Nations Appeal for Children to assist suffering children in many countries. In seizing this opportunity to assist, we are uniting with millions of other people in other parts of the world to aid those who in such tragic need, cry for help.

We children and teachers, we the people of Australia will respond to the call. We will unite with the people of other countries to assist those little children who so sorely need our help.

ICELAND, ITALY,

TOBRUK, NEW GUINEA.

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# One of our Teachers in Iceland.

One of the many teachers who served in Iceland was asked to write a typical account of their meteorological work. He wrote: "My own experiences there are typical. On account of the conditions our term in Iceland was a year.

There were regular meteorological flights from England to Norway, Denmark and Bay of Biscay. I had a few trips with these. There were other special trips - long, straight emergency flights as far as our patrol would take us. Our job was to collect all the weather information and transmit it back in code so that the weather maps of the Atlantic and Europe could be drawn up. The motto of those posted to these flights was "Always in the muck!" And the job was fairly covered by this. We became wet, cold and often frozen when we climbed at the end of the trip to 20,000 feet.

Being on weather patrol we flew when everyone else sat before a good fire. Having run out of Hudsons we were flying wrecks of Hampdens which were held together by corrosion and we didn't know what else.

I completed my Navigator-Observer training in England in N November, 1942, we sailed in an Irish Sea ferry in a four-knot convoy. Off the Faroes our tub sprang a leak, we were in a loch for three weeks waiting for the convoy to form. We bailed the boiler room out with buckets, being careful not to empty the coal dust into the pumps. We used the chain gang method of passing the buckets, and the man in the boiler-room was standing on wobbling plates in rushing water. Half-a-gale was blowing. After four hours on this and four hours sleep we went on handpumps for four hours. This is a killing job. We spent four days and nights at this. We saw no other ship during that three weeks in the Loch, we were right in "U-Boat Alley" and a sneaking submarine could have got us, so we felt, at any time, later, when we returned to Scotland, we learned that British destroyers were active around the Faroes at the time.

1942, Christmas was cold and lonely, but we stoked the old tub and took it back to Scotland. The engine-room crew figured that we would burst their boilers as we over-stoked and got nine knots, they

enjoyed themselves smiling at us "mugs" who were working harder than they had ever done, We got a fortnights' "survivors" leave, and they were severely reprimanded.

On 27th March, 1943, we landed on Reykjavik airfield in the first Hampden ever seen there, to be welcomed by shouts of "Where the hell have been? Holidaying in the Faroes and then in Blighty, our relief is three months overdue."

Iceland in March and April has a forbidding appearance. The coast is bleak and unfriendly with fogs, sleet and rugged mountains. On 19th April we were caught out badly with heavy ice on our wings. We found the Reykjavik Fiord and then the road, which we followed at zero feet, to hear the call "Aerodromes unfit; do not approach!" We lifted over the drome on our way out to sea again. On our next approach we received the same message, and then instruction to go to Kaldadarnes, 100 miles away. Kaldadarnes was worse then the home base, besides this, it had no radio to help us. We were a very happy, cold, wet and hungry crew whose one desire was to land and warm up. We returned to Reykjavik and stooged round the fiord until the American field at Kelylavik appeared out of the fog. We landed after 3½ hours of playing blind mans buff. I can assure you that my three Canadian crew mates and I were tremendously relieved.

This was not the end, however, of this adventure. On our return to Reykjavik I was paraded before the Group Captain, who, obviously in a bad temper, angrily complained that my weather reports had led him to send crews out on operations and that I was totally responsible for the very great/they had encountered. I felt that dangers he was holding me responsible for the weather. I tried to explain that I had been flying in sunshine, as reported by me until I was fifty miles from the Base, when the weather, instead of coming up from the Gulf Stream, had suffenly switched back from the Artic. Still how could a Flight Sergeant argue with a Group Captain?

We always flew a set course, south-west, so how was I to know what was happening up towards the North Pole?

Our old Hampdens began to crack up, and the Base Engineer finally made tham unserviceable, and we got more Hudsons, which ..

though old and leaky weren't likely to fall apart. They also had the early form of radar - a great boom when coming home in fog or sleet, especially in winter when we had only four hours of daylight. We always took off at 2 a.m. for synchronisation purposes, so we had quite a lot of night flying.

We lived in Nissen Hute over a swamp, the huts were banked up with mud to keep them from being air-borne, we often leaned against the wind in order to walk, we once recorded 100 m.p.h. I was happy that I was not out that day, though on a few occasions I landed in a wind of 70 m.p,h. at 45 degrees to the runway, after being airborne ina storm for five hours of real hell.

I finished my year in March, 1944, very happy to see the last of Iceland with its ragged mountains, lava, and lack of trees and birds. The natives were polite, but no co-operative or very friencly, they seemed to regard us as invaders of their fair (?) land. They all spoke good English, and no difficulty was found in conversation with any of them. When off duty we spent most of our time in camp.

On returning to Britain I became a Meteorological Instructor, I than later a Bombing Leader I was posted back to Australia in February, 1945, and did I enjoy the heat and brightners?

I was lucky and had no smashes, but I saw plenty. I shall never forget seeing the Iceland wind pick up an aeroplane and the concrete blocks to which it was anchored and toss the lot on top of a hut. My main worries were old aircraft, fog, rain sleet, mountains, and some rheumatism, I did not like Iceland.

In 1953, for five months F/Lieut. Levy was suffering dreadfully in Yaralla. I was his bed neighbour for three months and prevailed on him to give me an account of his job in Italy - right up the Adriatic. From Italy attachs were made on Austria, Germany, and even on Warsaw. Levy was Operations Leader on several occasions, his story in these pages is in the Third Person.

I. H. White. - 1953.

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## With the R. A. A. F. in Italy.

## 454 Australian Squadron.

By F/Lieut. Geoffrey Morris Levy.

Yaralla Hospital - 1953.

After participating with outstanding credit in the final act in the starvation campaign against Crete, 454 Squadron was quickly refitted and shifted up into Italy, where the fight against the Germans on the East coast was not progressing very satisfactorily. The Squadron became re-operative late in June, 1944, and in the first ten raids lost two aircraft.

Soon the squadron, with tis fellow squadrons, a R.A.A.F. and R.A.F. squadron, flying Baltimore aircraft, moved to an aerodrome six miles outside of Ancona, and the wing concentrated on assisting the Indian, Polish and New Zealand troops fighting to break the Gothic line.

It was beautiful weather, and 454 lines were situated in an orchard. The men were happy, and were quite contented to operate off a dirt strip. The Engineers were busy laying a P.S.P. strip, but the rains just beat them. From a beautiful garden the camp and aerodrome turned into a quagmire, and it was impossible to move vehicles without endangering them. Within three days two trucks turned over in the mud.

Despite the adverse conditions the squadron remained operative, but many hours were spent in getting to and from the steel strip On one occasion it took eight hours to get 36 aircraft off on a raid. Mud on the outside of the aircraft reduced speeds up to 20 M.P.H.

Armourers and mechanics laboured knee deep in mud, and then slept in it. Finally the M.O's of the three squadrons refused to permit the wing to continue operating under such condition. It took but a few days to move the Wing to Cesenatico, fifteen miles north of Riminni, where all strips, both landing, parking and taxiing were Steel.

The Squadron remained under canvas, and, as we were only four miles behind the bomb line, were given orders to dig in. As the ground was very sandy some means of keeping the walls intact had to be devised.

Bombing on the Gothic Line.

It was a cold, clear morning, as the first warning gong rang out, calling 48 sleepy aircrew from their cosy camp beds. Soon men could be seen scampering around, making sure that the members of their crews were up and about. As usual many were reluctant to leave the cosy warmth until the last minute, and thus foolishly sacrificed a warmth-giving breakfast.

Inside the Mess a petrol heater, quite an illegal contraption which consumed vast quantities of aviation fuel, kept the two E.P.I. tents comfortably warm, whilst the nonchantly dressed airmen crammed Spam and egg-powder omelette into their mouths. As usual the talk was about everything, ranging from the target for the raid, which the box leaders and their deputies discusses throughout the meal, to women, a subject which never seemed to lose its appeal to many of of these celebrate men.

Exactly an hour after the first gong, another one rang out, and within three minutes the Mess and camp were cleared of drifting men. The aircrews had assembled at the Operations tent, whilst the groundcrews had departed for the strip, where much was to be done to get their charges ready for the ensuing raid.

At Operations the Red raid leader was briefing the men. He and the Blue raid leader, accompanied by their navigators, had been roused some two hours earlier and had been briefed at Wing headquarters. Still there was nothing particularly startling about the whole affair --- it was surrounded with a sort of hum-drum feeling that could be felt amongst the raiders. Gunners and Wireless

Operators paid little attention to what was being said, whilst the Observers hurriedly scribbled down the reference numbers for the target. After briefing few questions were asked, and each raid leader gave a final warning about the quality of the formation flying, never a good feature of the Squadron's work.

Briefing over, each flight piled into a gharry, a three-ton truch, and left for the strip. As the gharry passed each prepared aircraft, four men detached themselves from the crowd, and with parachutes and equipment in hand, wandered over to their charge. Each man knew his task, the pilot expertly, but almost casually inspected the external control surfaces, making certain that they were free of cocks. He climbed up the wing to his cockpit, lumbering his parachute and helmet into the seat. That finished he returned to the ground and lit yet another cigarette. He was alone for some minutes, for his navigator was bury in his front compartment, and the two back-seat boys were in their cabin checking all available equipment. It took little time, and the four men congregated together, chatting calmly. It was obvious that this crew usually flew this aircraft, and that the whole six men considered themselves a crew -- a great spirit only found amongst men who work together, depending upon each other's work for life itself.

The skipper glanced at his watch, murmured something, and the group split up, the four airmen climbing into the kite. The rigger mounted the wing after the pilot, and assisted him in strapping on his parachute and safety straps; at the same time the fitter gave assistance to the navigator. As each man was comfortably seated hatches were closed and the groundmen moved away from the metal monster. On receiving the thumbs up from the fitter, the pilot went through the complicated procedure of starting the port motor, and when it was running smoothly he did likely with the starboard one. With both motors warming up he checked his flaps and all controls, making quite sure that all was well. After checking with his crew he gave the thumbs up sign and slowly eased the kite out onto the taxi strip and lumbered along to his correct position ready for take-off.

Being Blue leader of the leading Squadron he was seventh off, but the whole 36 aircraft became airborn with 15 minutes. It took little time for the six flights to form up into correct formation, and the wing thundered over the 'drome on its death-dealing mission. Bombing on the Gothic Line 2.

Climbing on course the six boxes spread out over several miles, deliberatelydoing so in order to minimise the menace of ack ack. Shortly after leaving the field twenty-four Mustangs, pilotes by trigger-happy Yanks, moved in around them, eternally vigilant against attacking marauders from the sun. There was little likehood of an attack being made, for the bombers themselves were more than able to take care of themselves, but the fighters were provided to allow the attacking aircraft to concentrate on the job in hand.

Some thirty minutes passed and Blue Leader has taken his box to 14,000 feet. Slowly he turned his compact team westwards towards the Adriatic coast, and his navigator busily scribbled the new course into his log. On crossing the coast the four men became particularly watchful, for the sight of a gun blast gave the skipper four seconds in which to get clear of the lethal blast of the ack ack. Flak came up intermittently as Blue Leader wove slowly from one side to the other, never holding his course for more than a few seconds. His skill in avoiding flying metal had paid dividends in human lives, and possibly explained the relief felt by the new crews when they learned they had him as leader.

As the target approached Blue Leader and his navigator scanned the terrain, checking on reference points, making certain over and over again that the target they had identified was the correct one. Before Red Leader's bombs would explode Blue Leader would be committed to bombing; the lives of our own troops depended on these vital minutes; errors were costly, but fortunately extremely rare.

Certain of the target Blue Leader brought it slowly into line with the propellor boss of the port motor, and when the two touched, he called through the Intercomm., "Turning onto target." As he did his wing men time to keep in position. During the turn he lost 1500 feet

in height, opened the bomb doors, checked the fusing of the bombs. Each man was at his battle station. He levelled his machine on the correct course, and kept his eyes glued to his instruments. Here was the danger point, straight and level for nene seconds, a sitting shot for the gunners below. He kept his speed steady, and listened intently for his navigator's call for course corrections. One came. "Five Port." So Blue Leader smoothly gained the further five degrees, and held his gyro steady. "Steady on course," came from the Navigator and Blue Leader repeated the call. A few intermidable seconds passed ere the "bombs away" cry came through the wires, and immediately the Wireless Operator's voice counted the sticks as they fell. With four gone Blue Leader called out, "Bomb doors closed!" and waited for instructions from the Gunner, whose duty it was to steer the box through the blanket of flak. A drawl broke the vocal silence, "Thirty to port, skip, and drop her down a few hunderd ----- steady on course ------- up to port----bit thick today----think number 6 copped it then---seems to be keeping with us though----over to starboard and straighten her up-----that one was a bit close."

The wireless operator's voice cut in, "Right in the centre, Mac., but the pattern's a bit ragged." As his microphone cut off he busily engaged himself in photographing the target area, a task none too easy with the aircraft weaving from side to side. Gradually the tension in the machine, eased as the target fell behind. The Navigator pencilled a message, coded it, and passed it back to the Wo/P., who quickly transmitted it to base. A final heavy barrage of flak greeted them as they crossed the coastline, but the Gunner's cool voice guided them through it unscathed.

As they neared base a sharp order over the R/T brought the lakadasical rear wing machines into almost perfect formation, and Blue Leader flet, as he crossed the control tower, that the Group Captain could have little to complain about that day.

Sharp orders over the R/T caused the formation to break up into two Vics, and then into six aircraft flying echelon starboard. The clear voice of the control officer indicated that they were clear to land, so Blue Leader turned onto his base leg, giving himself only just enough air to drop onto the strip. Col, precise, movements and orders

perfected over a long period, made the crew-work perfect, and Blue Leader dropped Wandering Willie, onto the metal strip as the last aircraft of the Red box was turning off the far end. He knew his box was close behind. Another raid over - another "apple" for the log book, another complimentary note from the Keives for the bombing.

In the parking bay, Blue Leader cut the motor, eased off his helmet, took off his gloves, and turned to meet the engineering face of the rigger, who held a lighted cigarette. He took the smoke, puffed heavily, unclipped his harnesses, turned towards the rigger, smiled and gave the thumbs up sign. The machine was perfect. Slowly he climbed out of the cockpit and the waiting rigger quickly grabbed the parachute and preceded him down to the waiting crew, who seemed to be all smoking and chattering at once..

Blue Leader thought, "They'll never win a march past, but they're solid right through."

## TOBRUK.

There were probably more than 50 of our Teachers in the Siege of Tobruk, there were 20 in one battalion - 2/13th. One of these - Sergeant Fred Boreham - wrote for me most of the following Chapter -

## TOBRUK.

There's places that I've been in
I didn't like too well,
New England's far too bloomin cold
And Winton's hot as hell;
The Walgett beer is always warm,
In each there's something crook,
But each and all are perfect to
This place they call Tobruk.

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These lines belong to a poem written during the siege by one of its well-known identities, the son of a better known identity, Banjo Patterson. I suppose it was inevitable to find many champions of the chalk amongst the polyglot crew that were assembled there to make a 'Do-or-die' stand against the conquering Axis army. This army had harrased us all the way from Benghazi, till, to quote the official version, we elected to stand and fight them on a battle ground of our own choosing. Be that as it may, Tobruk it was.

Though its defence and ultimate relief has become synonymous with tenacity, it is also a tribute to the adaptability and magnanimity of the British nature, that can apparently transcent disadvantages of environment, or perhaps, to be more modest, is sufficiently phlegmatic to be blissfully unaware of it. Whatever the explanation it would be hard to conceive a more inhospitable spot than that chosen to make the last ditch stand. Having gained the confines of the fortress we were disposed

around the perimeter to await the approaching storm in a manner calculated to blunt the attack.

The word fortress is something of a misnomer in describing Tobruk, as it is apt to conjure up pictures of frowning ramparts and solid masonary, and whilst there was plenty of the latter in the town itself, it being of Italian construction, the 'Fortress defences consisted merely of a bit of barbed wire, an anti-tank ditch and a series of strongholds spaced at regular intervals along the perimeter which formed a rough semecircle at a distance of about five miles from the town. As they girded their loins for the assault that was to carry them to the core of the bastion, one could almost sense the enemy's annoyance at having been outpaced in the retreat. Pimpernel - like we had dodged him all over the desert. At Martuba the clutching hand had been too close for comfort, and at Tmini many anxious moments had been spent, but like the Arab, we had figuratively folded up our tents just in time. That he was confident of easy victory was obvious from the almost nonchalant manner in which this armour drove along the Derna Road not suspecting that its entry would be seriously opposed, or that weapons that could deal with armour had been installed. But for the summary treatment meted out by the Royal Horse Artillery, I doubt whether the glorious chapter of Tobruk would ever have been written. With parade ground precision, not to mention a certain amount of fiendish delight, they thwarted his intentions and slammed the door in his face. Not to be so easily denied, and being, like Abou Ben Adhem's vision, a man of some spirit himself, he came again with a great awakening light by whose glare and intensity he seared a way into our defences and established himself in the Salient, where, from thenceforward, most of the fighting was carried out.

It must have come as something of a shock to the proud Afrika Corps to discover that its timetable had been upset. When Easter Monday dawned, disclosing a force of enemy tanks well to the rear of the forward positions, things looked grim indeed. By weight of numbers they had over-run some of the infantry posts during the night and at that juncture were being engaged by the British Artillery and a small force of Matilda and and Light Tanks. These juggernauts however have their limitations, and

though they strike terror in thehearts oftheir intended victims, provided the latter lie 'doggo', leaving the tanks to the care of the artillery, they alone cannot win battles. This appears to be the exclusive function of the infantry. As the Germans suffered such heavy losses in theirs in that first big attack any similar assault for some time would have been even more costly. More important however, was the renewal of confidence in the garrison Rommel withdrew his battered battalions to a fairly safe distance.

Patrols penetrating up to a mile beyond the perimeter found the desert deserted, though at a distance there could be seen enemy movement; convoys of trucks keeping beyond range of the fortress' guns as they found a devious route to their troops on the frontier, and the blurred outline of tanks assembled in the shadows of the distant escarpment, and by night the steady rumble of a restless enemy considering thenext move.

The period of comparative quiet following the Easter storm was not was of inactivity. The front was regularly patrolled to guard against surprise attack and to hinder enemy preparations for the next attack. Strange things happened in the expanse of wilderness separating the opposing forces at night. The greatest fright I ever had was when, from out of the murk and gloom, there appeared a strange apparition which proved to be none other than a stray donkey, that had somehow come adrift on that sea of sand, and evidently tiring of his own company, had decided to seek human companionship. Doubtless he was a very discerning donkey, but his arrival at that particular time was a bit disconcerting and his attentions not entirely appreciated by a patrol that had to find its way back over a minefield where one false step could end in disaster. Eventually the animal found its way back to headquarters. One particular patrol inflicted heavy casualties on an enemy party which they surprised moving up towards the wire, and in so doing so afforded the Axis Ministry of Propaganda, through the medium of Rome Radio, with a good offering, as they interpreted it as an attempt by the garrison to break out of their captivity.

The blow fell towards the close of April. It had been expected because we knew that Rommel wouldn't be content to allow Tobruk to interfere with his grandiose schemes. Information gleaned from prisoners and increased activity outside the wire also pointed to only one conclusion, as did the more frequent airraids and intensified shelling. That his first attack had failed was no indication that the secondwould fare likewise, but at least we took some comfort in the knowledge that the legend of Axis invincibilty was but a myth; in fact I'll go so far as to say that we looked forward with donfidence to the next joust. Air reconnaisance by one of the two hurricanes remaining in Tobruk, they being housed in underground hangars without which their retention would have been impossible, reported the presence of at least 120 tanks apart from lorry loads of infantry and all raids heralded their advance and soon the battle was joined in earnest. The handful of tanks in our armoury was quite inadequate to cope with the opposing forces, but the guns, at which the air raids had principally been directed, once more prevented a break through to the inner fortress.

The men in the outposts and supports were half smothered in the swirls of dust and fumes, and even submerged in flurries of sand as the German leviathans cut swathes in the realm above them.

One man even alleges that the marks of his back were made by the tracks of a tank that wquatted on top of his slit-trench.

Some indication of the intensity of the fighting as viewed from the enemy angle may be gleaned from an extract taken from a captured German officer's diary which states that in his opinion it was far worse than any he had experienced in either France or Poland.

After this heavy defeat the enemy was content to sit on our doorstep, solely to prevent our exodus, which took place in December, enabling us to reach Palestine just in time for Christmas.

In its wisdom, the higher command had already ordained that the elaborate concrete posts which we had at first manned, and where, ostrich-like, we had buried ourselves under an illusion of security, were to be used only for storage purposes and alternative weapon pits to be constructed. These, though inficitely more simple, were far better suited to the policy of 'Offensive Defence' which characterized our role,

and actually were far safer, as the concussion from a direct hit on the conrete had very damaging effects. So we were spared the ignominy of becoming a bunch of bomb-happy troglodytes and were the better equipped for our tours of duty in the Salient, which, after the last attack, had had become the weak spot in the defences, to be guarded day and night.

The six square miles of the two hundred odd that the Axis forces had appropriated must surely have been the most fought over and argued about six square miles anywhere. A mother succouring her young could not have shown more tenderness or loving care than that displayed by the guardians of that horrible little urchin 'The Salient".

It was particularly restless at night and must have suffered the tortured halluciantions of the damned for it would raor and rave in a most alarming manner, distressing all who witnessed it. As if aware that neither parent would abandon it, it continued in this fashion throughout the ensuing protracted months of the siege.

That this timeless land of shifting sand had seen better days was apparent in the relics of Roman occupation. Once upon a time the Province of Cyrene for which Tobruk must have been an important outlet, provided Italy with a large part of its daily bread. The underground granaries are still there, and whilst no longer serving their original purpose proved valuable retreats for the various administrative staffs. There they could work in comparative security and with a reasonable belief that their concentration wouldn't be unduly disturbed. Actually no part of the fortress was entirely immune tosudden interruption as 'Bardia Bill' and other large calibre guns could easily hurl projectiles into the innermost places and there were always the Stokas.

Away down underground in the subterranean vault leading to harbour foreshores, to the assembled casualties awaiting a dark night, and the arrival of one of the 'Scrap-iron Flotilla', to carry them back to Mersa Matruh, the war seemed pretty remote; and when, after a hurried departure to put as many miles as possible behind before morning dawned, the North Afridan coastline had vanished from view, it was hard to believe that a real, live fort and a noisy perimeter really existed back there.

NEW GUINEA EPISODE.

(The Teacher in this story desires anonymity).

A tribe, still cannibals when opportunities permitted, in the dense forests of the Sattelberg Ranges, could have been very troublesome to our soldiers; the Japs had been among them, and were still in their neighbourhood, exerting a strong influence and much fear on some of the tribal chiefs.

The leading cheif, however, was, more than anything else, worried over the delayed birth of his child; the tribal women had told him that nothing could be done, and that he would lose both his wife and child.

The chief's weary messengers got through to the nearest Australian patrol, which happened to be in charge of a N.S.W. Teacher, who had taken every First Aid course possible in his teaching carer. The nearest R.A.F. provided all that it could and our Teacher set off into the jungles with the messengers.

The wailing women were given orders to keep up a supply of boiling water; he selected two women to remain with him, and then speedily cleared the hut of all useless personnel and pigs, and took charge of the very difficult case.

Some hours later the chief was called in to see his smiling wife and a bonny son. After assembling the whole tribe to tell them the wonderful story, he led our Teacher out and made him stand on a Jap ammunition box, to be harangued by him:

"You Englis' soldier Dinkum Aussie! I wanted good doctor; you good soldier half-doctor! I no liked that! I angry! Now you Big Feller Doctor Dinkum! I kellem dirty Japs; we all killem dirty Japs! We give you what you like. What you like now?"

"A clean, quiet spot for a good sleep."

The women immediately swept a corner of the hut in which the mother and babe were asleep, and spread a mat for him.

When he awoke four hours later he was invited to sit with five chiefs to a marvellous meal, just cooked by the new mother who also acted as a smiling waitress.

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# Memorial Day, 1950.

We come today to honour those who sleep,
Who lost their lives that freedom might endure,
Who gave their all that we might safely keep
Our homes, our loved ones round us safe and sure,

For sacrifice as great as these have made
No passing tribute followed by neglect
Is worthy; their last offering was ~~made~~ paid
To keep for us the comforts we collect

Each day unthinking in our careless ease,
~~Or~~ Or if we think, we still are in their debt
Who fought across the land, the air, the seas
That liberty might stand triumphant yet.

Remember them! We mark that challenge clear
To cherish their devotion year by year.

— Louise Darcy

May, 1950.

ARMIDALE TEACHERS' COLLEGE ITEMS.

MR CECIL B. NEWLING, Principal, was, throughout the War and some years after, a constant source of inspiration to the Staff, students, graduates of the College, and the district generally. For years after the War Returned Men visited him in his retirement to express appreciation for so much thoughtfulness and many acts of kindness. His women-students wrote regularly to students and past students in camps and overseas. When Singapore was recaptured one of his students received a packet of over 120 letters which had been held back by the Japs.

At the College itself valued work was done for the R.A.A.F. by Instructors in Manual Arts and Agriculture and students. Mr Herbert W. Oxford saw a Canadian Technical College photo of model aeroplanes, and envisaged the value of them for Air Trainees; Mr Newling wrote to the R.A.A.F. and offered to provide scale models; the offer was accepted; on receipt of the models the Chief Technical Officer, R.A.A.F. wired his delight, and asked for models for all operational stations. By February, 1942, Mr Oxford had sent to stations all over Australia 250 models.

Mr Thomas A. McDonald, Agricultural Instructor, grew several tons of beans for canning for the Red Cross.

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Item — There were five N.S.W. Teachers in one Battery of 14 Field Regt.

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Among the first Australians to give their lives in the Second World War were two of our Teachers:- Colin McIntyre, died of wounds, 21/1/1941 and Edwin McEwen, K.I.A., 21/5/41.

## CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

When the Second World War commenced the Child Welfare Branch belonged to the Department of Education, and its several homes and schools took a keen part in all patriotic activities of the Department. During the War Mr G.D.Martin became the Director of the Child Welfare Department,and his inspiring and forceful influence was felt throughout every section. Every officer of his Department had an official position in regard to National Emergency action. Mr J. Back,Superintendent of Secondary Education, had arranged for the training in gas and emergency precautions of all the Welfare homes, and practices were carried out regularly.

The handwork in the C.W.D. schools covered a big supply of splints , fly-nets, and horse bandages for field work,and deck chairs for hospitals; its weaving of wool and knitting amounted to over 1200 pairs of socks and mittens; its sewing included the making of over 900 handkerchiefs and 60 pairs of pyjamas for the Red Cross.

A few lads, who had passed through the Child Welfare Branch, were overseas, and special efforts were made to send them parcels of good things.

Mr G.D.Martin had been the Education Department's Liaison Officer directing Emergency Planning for all offices, schools, and institutions; he was also War Book Warden, culling information from every possible source,and drafting it in circulars to schools. Mr Herb Musgrave, Principal of Hurstville J.T.School, was Mr Martin's valued assistant in these jobs.

As Director of the Child Welfare Department Mr Martin was in charge of the children evacuated from Britain to N.S.W. The happiness and welfare of every child was a matter of personal affection to him; they were placed in carefully-selected homes, and the Teachers of the schools they attended made them feel that they were among loving friends. The State,Commonwealth,and British Governments expressed the highest appreciation of Mr Martin's work and influence, and among his treasures are letters from many of these children,expressing their gratitude and love towards him and those inspired by him.

During the Second World War the records received at the Department provide evidence of the following individual school efforts:

79 Public and 15 Provisional Schools in the country each raised over £100 to buy a block of land or as a donation to a War Widow's home. 37 schools painted and repaired a soldier's or War Widow's home.

19 schools arranged and paid for the ploughing and reaping of a soldier's farm, generally being assisted by local farmers.

33 schools paid for a seaside holiday for a soldier's wife and family.

9 schools told butchers and bakers to deliver all the meat and bread required by soldiers' families, and to send the bills to the Teachers, who paid them from the schools' patriotic funds; in five cases these bills were paid for six years. Practically every school entertained and gave presents to soldiers' families at Christmas. One Riverina school ordered 32 dressed turkeys to be delivered to soldiers' homes on Christmas Eve, and there were countless similar efforts inspired and organised by Teachers.

Whenever a family was installed by the Voluntary Workers' Association of Teachers in a cottage built by this Association, the Women Teachers' Club presented the mother with a complete supply of house and bed linen, some of it beautifully worked by Domestic Science girls and the Club Teachers.

The Club provided these gifts from their own contributions.

# WOMEN TEACHERS' HUT CLUB.

From the First World War to the closing of the Prince of Wales Hospital at Randwick in 1940, our Women Teachers lovingly took under their wing two wards containing the most serious cases, visiting them at least once a week, giving concerts, suppers, smokes, slippers, shaving and tooth brushes, books, magazines, ~~cakes~~ fruit, records, and any other article desired by a patient. They wrote letters and did their Savings Bank business for them, and often sent them a can of ice-cream.

These Hut Club Women were truly loved by the hundreds of men who passed through these two wards.

On the opening of Yaralla Soldiers' Hospital the Women's Hut Club transferred its activities to the War Veterans' Home at Narrabeen, and won as much affection there ~~—it~~ from the Old Fellows as it had from the younger Randwick patients. The Minister and Director highly commended the Hut Club, which now became The Women Teachers' War Veterans' Auxiliary.

Miss J. Pope, of Bondi Domestic Science School, was its admirable Hon. Secretary.

Both wars made serious inroads into our imports and productive activities, we found ourselves suffering from crippling shortages of many things. Every school collected bottles, jars, tins with airtight lids, paper for pulping, cardboard, rope, string, tins of fat, etc, and arranged for them to be forwarded to specified centres or collected by trucks.

In the Second World War it will be seen that aluminium, other metals, and rubber had priorities in these valuable collections.

A few efforts, typical of scores, are mentioned as illustrations:-

The schools of Wagga and suburbs loaded a 20-ton truck with flattened aluminium pots, kettles and scraps, and bags of lead and brass. This was followed by another 20-ton truck of old rubber tyres and tubes.

Carlton Boys' School forwarded eight 3-ton lorry loads of rubber tyres.

In the second term of 1942 Caringbah Public School loaded a 3-ton truck with tyres, tubes, surf floats, rubber mats, hot water bottles and 600 soles of rubber shoes. Cronulla's effort was similar; in addition Cronulla sent, in 1941, 240 medicine bottles and 600 eggs to St George Hospital, also in the first 18 months of the war Cronulla Public School donated £921 to patriotic funds.

Teachers' ~~Relatives~~. Distinguished Son

Wing Commander Holmwood was a son of Mr. A. P. Holmwood, and was educated at the Armidale High School, and Duntroon Military College. Before leaving Australia for England in June, 1940, he was Chief Flying Instructor at Point Cook.

In January last he was promoted to Wing Commander, and was given command of Churchill's famous Spitfire Squadron, being the first Australian to be given command of a British Force. He was killed in an air battle over England on 26th February, 1941.

An extract from his last letter to his father:

"Since leaving Australia I have had some very interesting experiences, I being among the few lucky Australians who went to England last year. We were greatly impressed by the warm welcome and hospitality offered us on our arrival, and also by the courage and fortitude which the people of Britain showed in the face of hardships and suffering to which so many of them were subjected during last summer.

To be among them in such trying times makes one realise that such spirit as they are showing will never be beaten and when at last victory is ours, I am sure that the credit will be due to those in the old country and also those at home, who are backing their fighting forces with such courage and determination."

Written in 1941:

## Diggers, Past And Present.

Our fellow-teachers of the present generation are fighting on all the continents and oceans of the world, and over the seas and land in the air, in all theatres of the war. They have fought from Arctic cold to tropic heat, have been parched in the desert, have fought in the malaria-infested jungles and suffered in some cases intense bombing.

Before 1914, Australia, to peoples of many countries, was known as a country of eucalypts, kangaroos, jackasses, platypus and wild aborigines, with a sprinkling of whites who suffered great losses owing to droughts or floods, and where the rabbits were pests. The formation of that corps known as A.N.Z.A.C. made Australia and New Zealand more known to the world at large, and the Empire was thrilled when, on April 25, 1915, that same Anzac Corps, along with the 29th British Division, landed on Gallipoli and made a name which placed Australia high, and won her sons, the Diggers, the admiration of the Allied Nations.

In one Training Company at Bathurst Camp there were at one time 36 Teachers as N.C.O's, and a Teacher, Captain Ted Lynch, was their Commanding Officer.

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Enlistment conditions in the Second World War were far more difficult than in the First. Hundreds of Teachers were "man-powered" into what the leaders of the Nation regarded as the national interest, and were forbidden to enlist, these keenly disappointed men, however, entered, throughout the State and industry into valuable avenues of patriotic and self-sacrificing activities,

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TUTORIAL CLASSES for R.A.A.F. RECRUITS,

In many centres in the State, there were volunteers for the R.A.A.F. who had to improve their education in certain subjects — mainly English and Mathematics. Teachers in every centre arranged classes for these men in after-school hours and on Saturdays.

The Department in appreciative of services rendered promptly and efficiently at a time when every assistance is needed.

B.C. Harkness,
Chief Inspector.

In every country centre where Air Force recruits were awaiting their Call-up our Teachers organized classes in Mathematics and Elementary Science.

Among the first Australians to give their lives in the Second World War were two of our Teachers: Colin Mc Intyre, died of wounds, 21/1/1941 and Edwin McEwen, K. I. A. 21/5/41

## ASSOCIATION'S LETTER TO ITS MEMBERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

**The following letter has been forwarded by the Men Assistants' Association to its members who are on active service with the Forces. The letter is signed on behalf of the Association by Mr. R. C. Campbell, himself a veteran of the first World War:—**

Dear Colleague,—Our Association has asked me to write to you as a token of its regard for its members in the Fighting Services, and to assure you that so far as it is concerned "out of sight" does not mean "out of mind."

Do you receive "Education" regularly? If you do, it will keep you in touch with Federation affairs. If you don't, let me know, and I will see (if the blame is ours) that a copy is posted to you each month.

The Federation is sending a parcel of comforts to each of its members on service. We hope yours will arrive safely and in good order.

Knowing from experience the many handicaps that active service entails, I would like to hear of anything we could do to help you. Any assistance that the Federation, or I personally, can give is yours for the asking. At any rate rate a letter from you would be appreciated for its own sake, and also with a view to its publication in "Education."

Fraternally yours,

## FACILITIES FOR SERVICEMEN.

**Here's a reminder to Federation members in the Services that Federation House facilities are available to them at all times.**

**Soldier (and sailor and airman) teachers are quite welcome to call in for a hot shower and brush-up, and to use the lounges and the library. Notices of the dances held from time to time appear in "Education" and on the notice-board.**

**Readers may have suggestions to offer for increasing the scope of Federation hospitality to our members in the Forces. We shall be pleased to hear them.**

Women Teachers.

For over two years classes for W.A.N.S. were held every Saturday afternoon in Sydney, Newcastle, and over twenty other towns. Miss M. Farr, Inspector, organized and inspired, and taught. The majority of the Teachers were trained in Hygeine and Home Science.

## Malaria Control.

In several personal letters and official notes a Malaria Control Unit of four N. S. W. Teachers receives flattering plaises. "They are constantly doing outstanding work — surveying, testing, and lecturing, and the troops co-operate with them in an understanding way." This is from a letter sent by a Sergeant to Armidale Teachers College. He continues: "These Teachers are G. C. Clarke, Jack Binnell, Lloyd Bubb, and Ian Plummer." These four Teachers volunteered for training in this risky work.

## Illiterate Soldiers.

The Teachers Federation volunteered to arrange regular classes for illiterate soldiers anywhere in the State. Army assembled a big group at its camp at Burnside School. Every afternoon from 3.30 to 5.30 Parramatta Teachers took groups for elementary education.

Practically every camp had a few soldiers attending a neighbouring school "after school".

"Army definitely and gratefully expressed appreciation.

# WIVES of TEACHERS

There was no Association called "The Wives of Teachers". Had there been one its record throughout the two World Wars would have been magnificent. Throughout the State they worked devotedly and unstintingly, not only for the locality patriotic efforts but also for all those sponsored by the Department and Teachers' Federation. In these records we say a big "THANK YOU, LADIES!" to the Wives of Teachers.

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MR E.A. CAHILL , of Head Office staff, was the outstandingly enthusiastic and capable Honorary Secretary of Departmental activities throughout the Second World War.

In regard to the many patriotic activities in the schools, Mr McKenzie, Director-General, emphasised that there should be no fostering of the competitive spirit, and no making comparisons between schools and classes. In a circular he used, in regard to such, the words "In no circumstances whatsoever."

ITEM.

In South Germany and Italy after the War,
By F.O. Les. Davenport:—

An interesting sidelight was the universal respect shown by Luftwaffe personnel for Australians against whom they had fought. A few ex-Imperial German Army men well remembered the Australians at Bellecourt and Hindenburg Line, 1917-18. The Italian soldiers spoke almost in awe of the toughness of Australians in combat and their humour as captors, which were more than the Italians could comprehend, even in retrospect.

Both in Germany and Italy, when it was known that the writer was an Australian soldier prestige given was embarrassingly high. Despite the material ruins and their shattered hopes the German — soldiers and civilians — though knowing quite well that Australia played no little part in such, showed far less resentment towards Australians than to British or Americans. To them the name AUSTRALIAN merited and received respect.

## THE ARMOURED DIVISION.

For a time a strong impression was felt by its personnel and the community generally that The Armoured Division would be the main A.I.F. fighting force. Even the Commanding Officers were certain that such would be the case, and, consequently, they set extremely high standards in the selection of men and in the training. Scores of eager Teachers, on enlisting or by transfer later, did everything in their power to get into this Division.

As months passed and other Divisions sailed overseas, disappointment set in. Hope, however, remained that, on account of the high efficiency of the Division, and its heavy calls, on the shores of the Indian Ocean, in the sands of deserts, and in dense jungles, something big and special would still come its way. But such was not to be.

The men of the Armoured Division endured fatigue and hardship more severe than several units overseas; their disappointment was heartbreaking. They are worthy of a full share of the honours that came to Australia from so many places. The honour its many Teacher members reflect upon the Department of Education and the traditions of their high efficiency and devotion will for ever remain with the Department. Their brethren of Olympus, Tobruk, Alamein, and tropical jungles, and of the R.A.N. and R.A.A.F. are proud to have the Teachers of the Armoured Division listed with them.

Twenty-five Teachers in the Armoured Division requested the writer to omit from this history the record of their services. The reason given generally was: "We did not go overseas." Several other Teachers of this Division refused to tell anything about their Service. Keen disappointment still remains with many.

# The R.A.A.F. and Our Teachers.

## ADMIRATION.

In Education Gazette of March, 1946, the item hereunder appeared:—

### APPRECIATION OF SERVICES.

HEREUNDER is a copy of a letter received by the Director-General, from the Director, Meteorological Services, Royal Australian Air Force, Melbourne:—

"Dear Sir,

With the close of the war and the gradual reduction of the service requirement, certain officers of your department, who have served during war with the R.A.A.F., Meteorological Service, will be returning to their peace-time employment as Teachers. Generally, their release will accord with the reduction in the number of R.A.A.F. and Army bases to be serviced and, as the numbers of skilled and experienced Aviation Forecasters available are short of full requirements, there may be still some little delay before all are demobilised.

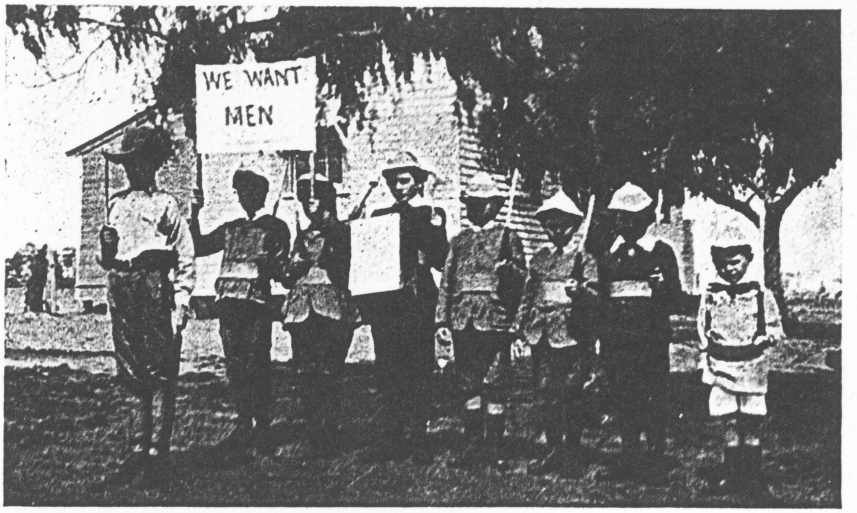
2. I should like to let you know what a valuable job these officers have done. Their basic education and experience as Teachers fitted them particularly well for a task demanding intelligence, imagination, and initiative of a high order. Almost without exception they possessed the personal qualities which secured the respect and the confidence of those whom they served. After basic meteorological courses in theory and practice of forecasting for air operations and after short field experience under the comparatively few permanent officers available at field stations in the early stages of the war, they quickly became first rate men and "the backbone" of the war-time field organisation.

3. In the Operational Headquarters of Areas, Formations and Units, they were valued and essential adjuncts to planning and, in their briefing of pilots for actual operations, contribute their full quota to the success and safety of aircraft and crews. In Northern Australia, New Guinea, the Solomons, Halmaheras, Borneo and Malaya, they have played their part well.

4. The post-war Meteorological Service faces heavy tasks and can ill afford to lose experienced men of this calibre. Their knowledge, experience and, above all, their spirit of service will be most difficult to replace. I still hope that the post-war service will be able to attract some of them to us permanently.

5. I feel, however, that I cannot let those go who are leaving us without expressing to you and to them my personal thanks and my admiration for the job which they have done so well."

A Provisional School helps in Recruiting Campaign

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## Diggers, Past And Present.

Our fellow-teachers of the present generation are fighting on all the continents and oceans of the world, and over the seas and land in the air, in all theatres of the war. They have fought from Arctic cold to tropic heat, have been parched in the desert, have fought in the malaria-infested jungles and suffered in some cases intense bombing. When these men return to us as fit as they

Before 1914, Australia, to peoples of many countries, was known as a country of eucalypts, kangaroos, jackasses, platypus and wild aborigines, with a sprinkling of whites who suffered great losses owing to droughts or floods, and where the rabbits were pests. The formation of that corps known as A.N.Z.A.C. made Australia and New Zealand more known to the world at large, and the Empire was thrilled when, on April 25, 1915, that same Anzac Corps, along with the 29th British Division, landed on Gallipoli and made a name which placed Australia high, and won her sons, the Diggers, the admiration of the Allied Nations.

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